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NEARBY

BBMP issues guidelines on new construction

BENGALURU

Acting on the directions of the High Court of Karnataka, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Friday issued guidelines for its officials to regularly monitor the process of construction of new buildings after sanctioning plans as per the Building Bylaws-2003 to prevent illegal construction at stage construction itself.

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Anti-conversion ordinance: HC notice to govt. on plea

BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka ordered issue of notice to the State government on a PIL petition questioning the constitutional validity of the Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Ordinance, 2022, which prohibits conversion from one religion to another by 'fraudulent means'.

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BSY announces retirement from electoral politics

'Vijayendra will contest from Shikaripur in next polls'

KARNATAKA BUREAU
HASSAN/BENGALURU

BJP veteran leader and former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on Friday announced his retirement from electoral politics and said his second son, B.Y. Vijayendra, would contest from Shikaripur, which he has held eight times, in the next Assembly elections.

Mr. Yediyurappa, however, emphasised that there was no question of retirement from active politics and that he would tour the State to bring the party back to power. With elections going to take place in 2023 in the State, it is being watched with curiosity how the party would treat the senior leader unanimously announcing his son's candidature.

Mr. Yediyurappa chose the occasion of offering 'bagina' at Anjanapura dam, where about four decades ago he had taken an active interest in repair works involving locals, to make the announcement.

He made a fervent appeal to people of Shikaripur to support Mr. Vijayendra in the same manner in which they rallied around him. "You must elect him with a minimum lead of one lakh votes from Shikaripur," he said.

B.S. Yediyurappa

He told the gathering, "I will keep coming to the constituency. Vijayanna will come here every week. He should be introduced in every hobli."

Later, speaking to press-persons, Mr. Yediyurappa said he decided against contesting any elections when he resigned as Chief Minister a year ago.

There had been pressure from party workers in the Old Mysore region to field Mr. Vijayendra from there, he said. "But, as I am vacating Shikaripur, he will contest from here," the former Chief Minister said.

Mr. Vijayendra, who is also vice-president of the State BJP, said: "A month ago, leaders and workers from Shikaripur met my father in Bengaluru and put pressure on him to field me from this constituency."

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SC relief for Yediyurappa

The Supreme Court on Friday stayed a High Court of Karnataka order refusing to quash corruption charges against the former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in an illegal land de-notification case dating back to 2006-07. ▸ PAGE 9

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SC grants Azam Khan regular bail, sets aside HC's conditions

It criticises tendency of High Courts to make 'completely unrelated' remarks

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday allowed 73-year-old Samajwadi Party leader Mohammed Azam Khan regular bail in a land grabbing case while criticising a tendency in High Courts to make "completely unrelated" remarks against accused persons and imposing "extreme conditions" on them for bail.

A Bench of Justice A.M. Khanwilkar noted how Mr. Khan's case was an example of the "new trend" seen in the High Courts.

The High Court had variously described Mr. Khan a "political heavyweight" of Uttar Pradesh, "political boss", "virtual political giant" while granting him interim bail considering his age and medical condition in an order on May 10.

> This is yet another case where we find that the High Court has referred to matters which are completely unrelated to the prayer for bail
>
> All actions taken by the Revenue authorities or State authorities in reference to the observations made in the impugned bail order dated May 10, 2022, be deemed to have been effaced from the record
>
> SUPREME COURT

Legal tangle: Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan arriving at a court in Rampur on July 8. • PTI

It had then imposed several conditions for converting his interim bail to a regular one, including that he "fully cooperates" with the measuring, walling and barb-wiring of a 13.842-hectare evacuee property which is the focal point of the land-grabbing case. The property is attached to the premises of the Mohammad Ali Jauhar University, the Uttar Pradesh politician's "dream project" in his constituency. He is a member of the board of trustees of the university.

The High Court had further ordered that his chances for a regular bail would depend on the Rampur District Magistrate giving the "final nod" to the completion of the exercise of measuring, securing and taking of actual possession of the disputed land by the local authorities on behalf of administrator of evacuee property by June 30, 2022 without meeting with any "hindrance or obstacles" from either Mr. Khan or the university.

The High Court had gone to the extent of requesting the custodian of the evacuee property to hand over the property to "some paramilitary forces for their training purposes".

Mr. Khan, represented by senior advocate Kapil Sibal and advocate Nizam Pasha, had challenged the "unrelated" observations made by the High Court while considering a plea for bail.

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Girls excel in CBSE Class 10 and 12 exams

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Central Board for Secondary Education (CBSE) declared results for Classes 10 and 12 on Friday which saw a pass percentage of 94.40% and 92.71%, respectively.

Girls outshone boys in both the classes with a pass percentage of 95.21% against 93.08% for boys in Class 10. In Class 12, they registered a pass percentage of 94.54% while boys recorded 91.25%.

A total of 3.63 lakh students appeared for the final exam in Class 10 and 2.93 lakh attempted Class 12.

Transgender persons had a pass percentage of 90% in Class 10 and 100% in Class 12. The Board didn't announce a merit list this year yet again. Thiruvananthapuram, Bengaluru and Chennai saw the highest pass percentages across the country for both Classes 10 and 12.

The exams for both the classes were split in two parts – term 1 and term 2.

The CBSE said on Friday that the final scores were based on 30% weightage for the term 1 exam and 70% weightage for term 2.

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Gunawardena sworn in as Sri Lanka PM

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Senior politician and staunch Rajapaksa loyalist Dinesh Gunawardena on Friday became the third Prime Minister to lead Sri Lanka in the last three months, amid political turbulence sparked by a worsening economic crisis. Mr. Gunawardena and an 18-member "continuity Cabinet" was sworn in on Friday morning, in the presence of President Ranil Wickremesinghe, who was elected to the country's top office through a parliamentary vote earlier this week.

New team: President Ranil Wickremesinghe greeting PM Dinesh Gunawardena in Colombo on Friday. •REUTERS

While most Ministers were part of the last Cabinet under former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Mr. Wickremesinghe will hold the Defence and Finance portfolios. Ali Sabry, who was earlier Justice and Finance Minister, will now head the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

Mr. Gunawardena succeeds Mr. Wickremesinghe, who was hand-picked by Mr. Gotabaya in May, after Mahinda Rajapaksa resigned, amid soaring public outrage against the Rajapaksa clan.

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Soldiers raid protest site

A large military contingent, along with police, raided Galle Face in Colombo on Friday, where protesters have peacefully agitated for over three months. Nine persons were assaulted by soldiers. ▸ PAGE 15

Soorarai Pottru wins Best Film award

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Tamil movie *Soorarai Pottru* won national awards for the Best Feature Film, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Background Score and the Best Screenplay at the 68th National Film Awards-2020 announced on Friday.

Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior won the awards for Best Actor, which went to Ajay Devgn, and for the Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment categories. Devgn shared the Best Actor award with Suriya, who got the recognition for *Soorarai Pottru*, directed by Sudha Kongara.

Aparna Balamurali won the Best Actress award for her performance in the Tamil film, which also got the awards in the Best Background Score (G.V. Prakash Kumar), and the Best Screenplay (Shalini Usha Nair and Sudha Kongara).

Late Sachidanandan K.R. has got the Best Director award for Malayalam movie, *Ayyappanum Koshiyum*, while the Best Female Playback Singer prize went to Nanjiyamma for the same movie. Rahul Deshpande was adjudged the Best Male Playback Singer. *Testimony of Ana* bagged the Best Non-Feature Film award. Manoj Muntashir has won the award for Best Lyrics for the Hindi movie *Saina*.

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Can Virat's grounded batting genius attain lift-off again?

Kohli has struggled in recent times, especially judged against the rarefied heights he frequented. But if he can pause, introspect and refocus, there is no reason why he can't catch a second wind

K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR

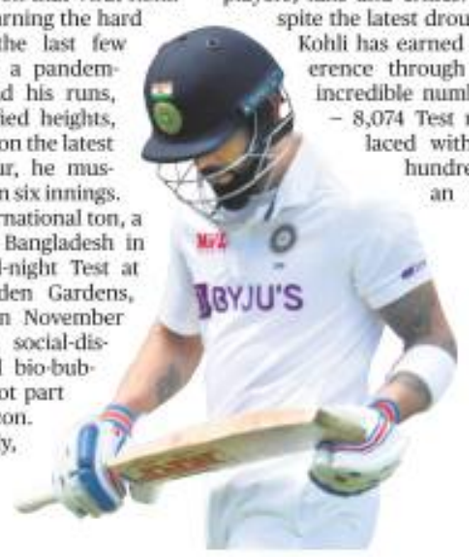
Batters have this fatalistic acceptance of one delivery having their name written on it. "All it takes to dismiss us is one ball," is an oft-heard statement when a willow-wielder gets philosophical about batting. This is akin to gangsters believing that one bullet will have their name on it. For them their story ends, while for the batter, it is time for introspection.

Defining feature

There is truth in these assumptions and yet what defines a batter's legacy is what he or she does before that one fatal delivery scatters the stumps or draws an edge or ruffles the pads in line or the legs falter and a run-out ensues. In his last Test innings at the Oval in 1948, Don Bradman was dismissed for a duck by England leg-spinner Eric Hollies. Bradman's average was stranded at a mind-boggling but pathos-dripping 99.94 and yet more than that sporting goodbye, what lingers are the statistical mountains he built.

Runs are a batter's passport to glory or infamy. And those classy ones, essaying languid cover drives and muscular pulls, giving us the illusion of permanence at the crease, are judged on a higher plane. Vivian Richards and his teammate Gus Logie would be assessed on different yardsticks even if their primary vocation is batsmanship. Richards has to dominate, Logie is granted his failures, and that's how it has always been and will be.

It is a lesson that Virat Kohli has been learning the hard way over the last few years while a pandemic raged and his runs, by his rarefied heights, dried. Even on the latest England tour, he mustered 76 from six innings. His last international ton, a 136 against Bangladesh in the day-and-night Test at Kolkata's Eden Gardens, happened in November 2019, when social-distancing and bio-bubbles were not part of our lexicon. Subsequently, COVID-19 leapt across continents and grief became an overwhelming shroud.



He is 33, remarkably fit and if his bat could talk, we will all be happy to lean on the phoenix-rising-from-the-ashes trope. There is respect for him, among players, fans and critics

When sport flickered back, Kohli, batter-supreme, acrobatic fielder and mood-influencer, discovered the law of averages. The confident stride towards the pitch, the adrenaline-throbbing running between the wickets and the feline reflexes while watching the field being set: these remain intact, but it's just that compared with the highs of yet-another hundred, he now seems a wee-bit tired, like a fatigued official pushing files in a stuffy office.

The captaincy was relinquished and in one instance, specifically ODIs, it was taken away from him. A grounded batting genius was left wondering about cricketing mortality. This was a man who once could even get the then coach Anil Kumble removed. The latter resigned after reading the tea-leaves and Kohli remained the batting Moses parting the fielding seas.

That phase looks distant even if Kohli, the batter, may get a second wind. He is 33, remarkably fit and if his bat could talk, we will all be happy to lean on the phoenix-rising-from-the-ashes trope. There is respect for him, among players, fans and critics. Despite the latest drought, Kohli has earned reverence through incredible numbers – 8,074 Test runs laced with 27 hundreds; an ODI yield of 12,344 adorned with 43 tons; and a T20I tally of 3,308. Except in Tests, where his average has slipped below 50 (49.53), he has maintained the 50-plus yardstick in ODIs and T20Is. This is an all-format star.

Recently, Pakistani stylist Babar Azam tweeted: "This too shall pass. Stay strong. Virat Kohli #". Like the bowlers' clubs, batters too have their solidarity corners. When a struggling David Gower scored a Test hundred against India at the Oval in 1990, one of the first to congratulate him was Dilip Vengsarkar. A supreme batter back in his element is a story to celebrate and it cuts across continents or, closer home, even the Wagah border with its emotional quagmires.

Kohli has gone 79 innings without an international hundred. It has also coincided with a phase during which his middle-order colleagues in Tests came under increasing pressure. Cheteshwar Pujara made a comeback recently but Ajinkya Rahane is still in the domestic wilderness. The trio's combined returns didn't offer enough ballast in Tests, adding to the microscopic scrutiny.

Evolution

Kohli, the man, has had his phases. When he was appointed as India's under-19 captain and all set for the junior World Cup in Malaysia, he spoke briefly at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru. This was 2008, and at an age when he should have been dealing with adolescent stress, Kohli spoke well. The words were precise and confidence shimmered in his voice.

Later, there was a moment in a swanky hotel. He was turning out for Royal Challengers Bangalore and in an informal chat with the media, he opened up about being distracted after winning the junior World Cup and about the realisation that if he did not watch his fitness and skills, he may be forgotten. It was a candid admission from a lad refusing the frills of limelight.

Years later, when Sachin Tendulkar's baton was officially passed to Kohli, he had this forgettable tour of England in 2014. James Anderson was having him for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Kohli, in denial about his tentativeness around the off-stump, preferred to sharpen his slog-sweeps against spin in the nets. Moeen Ali may have been in his sights but Anderson never allowed him to get close to the spin-buffet.

Cut to the 2018 tour of the Old Blighty, Kohli handled Anderson with aplomb. This was a man willing to reflect and improve. That Kohli has to surface, not the one talking to stump microphones or getting caught in needless chats with rivals. Like Pakistani great Javed Miandad, Kohli may prefer a scrap to gain competitive energy but it can boomerang.

Tough choices

There will be whispers about his strike-rate in T20Is, again a relative facet propped up by the arrival of kinetic youngsters. Once upon a time, a young Kohli was seen as more potent than the veteran Tendulkar. This is evolution and Kohli has to accept that. At some point he has to pick his formats. At 31, Ben Stokes has quit ODIs. Kohli has to make such calls too. To be stretched thin across formats while also turning out in the Indian Premier League is always tough.

Tendulkar, Kohli's current India coach Rahul Dravid and Sourav Ganguly had their second winds and there are lessons to be imbibed. Having given up his leadership hats, Kohli has to do what comes naturally to him, holding a willow and mastering the bowlers. The itch to dominate has always been his trait and in his early years a tendency to slice the lofted drive meant that spinners could induce a miscued hit.

Cut to the present, the same desire to mark territory means that caution outside the off-stump is shed. A bit of patience in his batting DNA, especially in Tests, could help Kohli. Joe Root may have progressed but Kohli's legacy cuts across formats. He needs to pause, catch his breath and get back to the grind.

True grit

This is a man who lost his father during a Ranji Trophy match, did the last rites and batted. Seen through that prism, the current predicament may seem trivial. Kohli, the batter, may trigger debates but the answers to those questions reside within him. He knows that.

WHAT THE NUMBERS SAY

Virat Kohli's last international hundred came in November 2019, when he scored 136 against Bangladesh in a Test in Kolkata. A look at how his statistics since then compare with his numbers prior to that:

UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 2019

	M	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest	Avg.	Strike-rate	100s	50s
TESTS	84	141	10	7,202	254*	54.97	57.81	27	22
ODIs	239	230	39	11,520	183	60.31	93.21	43	54
T20Is	72	67	18	2,450	90*	50.00	135.28	0	22

AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2019

	M	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest	Avg.	Strike-rate	100s	50s
TESTS	18	32	0	872	79	27.25	42.70	0	6
ODIs	23	23	0	824	89	35.82	87.94	0	10
T20Is	27	24	7	858	94*	50.47	144.93	0	8

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Daniil Medvedev	26	7,775	19
2	Alexander Zverev	25	6,850	18
3	Rafael Nadal	36	6,165	9
4	Stefanos Tsitsipas	23	5,045	23
5	Casper Ruud	23	4,890	24
6	Carlos Alcaraz	19	4,845	18
7	Novak Djokovic	35	4,770	11
8	Andrey Rublev	24	3,540	23
9	Felix Auger-Aliassime	21	3,445	24
10	Jannik Sinner	20	3,185	26
11	Cameron Norrie	26	3,155	26
12	Hubert Hurkacz	25	3,025	23
13	Taylor Fritz	24	2,975	25
14	Diego Schwartzman	29	2,325	25
15	Matteo Berrettini	26	2,280	16

Top Indians ▶

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 226 ▼ 30 spots

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 307 ▼ 12 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Iga Swiatek	21	8336	15
2	Anett Kontaveit	26	4326	19
3	Maria Sakkari	26	4190	20
4	Paula Badosa	24	4030	24
5	Ons Jabeur	27	4010	18
6	Aryna Sabalenka	24	3267	19
7	Jessica Pegula	28	3087	16
8	Danielle Collins	28	3022	17
9	Garbine Muguruza	28	2886	19
10	Emma Raducanu	19	2717	22
11	Coco Gauff	18	2647	16
12	Daria Kasatkina	25	2635	20
13	Belinda Bencic	25	2635	19
14	Leylah Fernandez	19	2588	20
15	Karolina Pliskova	30	2477	16

Top Indians ▶

Ankita Raina
Rank 344 ▲ 2 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 384 ▲ 3 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	DRIVER	TEAM	POINTS	WINS
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing	208	6
2	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	170	3
3	Sergio Perez	Red Bull Racing	151	1
4	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	133	1
5	George Russell	Mercedes	128	0
6	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	109	0
7	Lando Norris	McLaren	64	0
8	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	52	0
9	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	46	0
10	Fernando Alonso	Alpine	29	0
11	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	22	0
12	Daniel Ricciardo	McLaren	17	0
13	Pierre Gasly	AlphaTauri	16	0
14	Sebastian Vettel	Aston Martin	15	0
15	Mick Schumacher	Haas	12	0
16	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	11	0
17	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	5	0
18	Alex Albon	Williams	3	0
19	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	3	0
20	Nicholas Latifi	Williams	0	0
21	Nico Hulkenberg	Aston Martin	0	0

Max Verstappen

Charles Leclerc

F1 Constructors' standings

POS	TEAM	POINTS	WINS	PODIUMS
1	Red Bull	359	7	14
2	Ferrari	303	4	11
3	Mercedes	237	0	7
4	McLaren	81	0	1
5	Alpine	81	0	0
6	Alfa Romeo	51	0	0
7	Haas	34	0	0
8	AlphaTauri	27	0	0
9	Aston Martin	18	0	0
10	Williams	3	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	PLAYER	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Viktor Axelsen	121,606	41
2	Kento Momota	112,704	30
3	Anders Antonsen	98,300	37
4	Chou Tien Chen	93,776	42
5	Lee Zii Jia	91,578	44
6	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	90479	40
7	Chen Long	84,400	18
8	Jonatan Christie	83,512	40
9	Loh Kean Yew	79594	35
10	Lakshya Sen	75,874	41
11	K. Srikanth	72,481	45
12	Ng Ka Long Angus	72,007	39
13	Rasmus Gemke	70,551	39
14	Kanta Tsuneyama	67,848	34
15	Lee Cheuk Yiu	66,061	39

Top Indians ▶

Lakshya Sen
Rank 10

K. Srikanth
Rank 11

Badminton Women's ranking

#	PLAYER	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Akane Yamaguchi	111,963	39
2	Tai Tzu Ying	111,645	27
3	An Se Young	104,403	47
4	Chen Yu Fei	103,606	30
5	Carolina Marin	100,380	24
6	Nozomi Okuhara	96,560	28
7	P.V. Sindhu	95,518	45
8	Ratchanok Intanon	90,749	41
9	He Bing Jiao	83,064	34
10	Pornpawee Chochuwong	78,265	46
11	Wang Zhi Yi	75,238	31
12	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	70,294	52
13	Michelle Li	70,130	42
14	Sayaka Takahashi	66,573	35
15	Mia Blichfeldt	63,819	30

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 7

Saina Nehwal
Rank 24

Test Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Joe Root	923	923
2	Marnus Labuschagne	885	936
3	Steve Smith	848	947
4	Babar Azam	815	815
5	Rishabh Pant	801	801
6	Kane Williamson	786	919
7	Dimuth Karunaratne	782	782
8	Usman Khawaja	766	779
9	Rohit Sharma	746	813
10	Jonny Bairstow	742	772

Test Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Pat Cummins	891	914
2	R. Ashwin	842	904
3	Jasprit Bumrah	828	835
4	Shaheen Afridi	827	827
5	Kagiso Rabada	818	902
6	James Anderson	811	903
7	Kyle Jamieson	788	836
8	Kemar Roach	756	780
9	Neil Wagner	747	859
10	Mitchell Starc	739	806

ODI Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Babar Azam	892	898
2	Imam-ul-Haq	815	815
3	R. van der Dussen	796	796
4	Virat Kohli	790	911
5	Rohit Sharma	786	885
6	Quinton de Kock	780	813
7	Ross Taylor	752	841
8	David Warner	737	880
9	Jonny Bairstow	736	796
10	Aaron Finch	715	798

ODI Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Trent Boult	704	770
2	Jasprit Bumrah	703	841
3	Shaheen Afridi	681	688
4	Josh Hazlewood	679	733
5	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	712
6	Mehedi Hasan	672	725
7	Matt Henry	670	691
8	Mohammad Nabi	657	657
9	Chris Woakes	653	711
10	Rashid Khan	651	806

T20I Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Babar Azam	818	896
2	Mohammad Rizwan	794	798
3	Aiden Markram	757	796
4	Dawid Malan	754	915
5	Suryakumar Yadav	732	732
6	Aaron Finch	716	900
7	Devon Conway	696	784
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10	R. van der Dussen	658	780

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1	Josh Hazlewood	792	806
2	Adil Rashid	724	746
3	Tabraiz Shamsi	709	821
4	Rashid Khan	709	816
5	Adam Zampa	698	743
6	Wanindu Hasaranga	668	797
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BBMP issues guidelines on new construction

HC had pointed out that buildings were not being inspected during construction stage as per building bylaws

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Acting on the directions of the High Court of Karnataka, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Friday issued guidelines for its officials to regularly monitor the process of construction of new buildings after sanctioning plans as per the Building Bylaws-2003 to prevent illegal construction at stage construction itself.

Also, BBMP's Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath gave an undertaking to the court that during his tenure in the post that he would strictly implement the bylaws and initiate action against the erring officials.

As per the guidelines, the assistant director of BBMP's town planning department, soon after the plan sanction, will have to identify the Building Plinth Line (BPL) in the presence of property owners or their representatives.

Construction of a building under way in Bengaluru. • FILE PHOTO

Photographs

Officers/engineers will have to upload the BPL along with GPS coordinates (from the centre and four corners of the site) and photographs to BBMP's online portal meant for building plan approval.

After commencement of construction, the authorised jurisdictional engineer will have to periodically inspect the construction site to ensure that foundation is laid adhering to the sanctioned plan and update the GPS coordinates and the photographs in the portal.

The guidelines also state that officers who fail to inspect and upload the data to the portal as per the schedule, would face penal action as per Section 252 of the BBMP Act, 2020, besides facing departmental enquiry while being kept under suspension.

Justice R. Nataraj, who had last month pointed out that the jurisdictional engineers are are not inspecting under-construction buildings despite such mandate in the bylaws-2003, had observed that such a scenario has "emboldened property owners to violate the building plan with impunity."

When the petition came up for hearing on Friday, BBMP counsel K.N. Putte Gowda submitted the circular containing the elaborate guidelines.

Guidelines

- Building Plinth Line to be marked in presence of property owners
- Engineers to regularly update photos of construction process on online portal
- Stopping construction as soon as deviations are noticed
- If owner fails to remove deviated portions on their own, BBMP to remove them
- Higher officers to monitor online updating of inspection data by engineers after plan sanction daily

Engineers go scot-free

"Unfortunately, it is the owners who would be later held responsible for not complying with the sanctioned plan and the engineer concerned would go scot-free," the court had said while directing the BBMP to issue necessary guidelines to ensure that sanctioned plans are sent to the jurisdictional engineers within seven days of approval for monitoring.

Meanwhile, the court directed the BBMP to publish the guidelines in Kannada and English language newspapers so that the general public was made aware of the guidelines on inspection of buildings under construction.

The court had issued the directions during the hearing of a petition filed by Paresh Shah and others complaining about construction of an apartment complex by deviating sanctioned plan.

Orientation programme at Reva University

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Reva University organized an orientation and induction programme for UG students of the 2022 batch on its premises recently. Badminton player P.V. Sindhu inaugurated the programme.

According to a release from Reva University, Ms. Sindhu said, "It is very important for students to follow their dreams." She added that she was happy that Reva University has been offering sports in their curriculum.

P. Shyama Raju, Chancellor, said the varsity was instrumental in encouraging self-learning and hands-on experience, which only enriche the whole education process.

5G trials carried out at M.G. Road metro station

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) said the 5G network has been successfully tested at M.G. Road metro station.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) had selected the MG Road station for 5G network trials.

"The system consisting of outdoor small cells (ODSC), distributed antenna system (DAS) was installed by Reliance Jio from July 5 and the testing was carried out on July 21. ODSC radiated signals covering up to a distance of 200 meters. Preliminary bandwidth trials have given 1.45 Gbps download and 65 Mbps upload speeds, making it 50 times faster than 4G," states a press release from the BMRCL. The BMRCL has said that it is the first metro in the country to do the 5G network tests.

The BMRCL has become the first metro in India to test 5G network under a pilot project of TRAI. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Canara Bank launches 'Canara ail'

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Canara Bank on Friday launched a mobile banking super app, 'Canara ail'.

The app is a one-stop solution with over 250 features focused on all the banking needs of customers. It eliminates the need for multiple mobile apps working in silos for availing different services.

L.V. Prabhakar, MD and CEO, Canara Bank, speaking after the launch, said that the core vision of the bank is 'E-transactions for everyone, everywhere, every time' and it is leveraging technology to enable customers to perform banking at their fingertips.

Canara ail has advanced features such an intuitive UI & UX with multiple themes and customizable menus/dashboards that can be personalized as per the user's choice. The app is available in 11 languages to cater multiple sections of Indian society.

As a pre-login feature, account balance/statement, UPI Scan and Pay, and shopping are available. Users not having an account with Canara Bank can also use UPI and the shopping facility of Canara ail. They can open their account digitally in real time with video KYC, the release stated.

25-year-old electrocuted near Ulsoor lake

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

A 25-year-old youth died after he was electrocuted when he was allegedly fleeing after stealing iron rods from an under-construction building near a storm-water drain adjoining Ulsoor lake on Friday.

The deceased, identified as Appu, was found dead in the drain. The police, who rushed to the site and recovered the body, said the youth was electrocuted when the iron rods he was carrying came in contact with an electric wire.

The spot near the storm-water drain adjoining Ulsoor lake, where a man was electrocuted on Friday.

While there were speculations that the wire had fallen into the drain water due to rains, Bescom in a statement said the wire had not fallen into the drain.

"This was a non-department fatal accident. The iron rod carried by Appu came in contact with a live wire and he died due to electrocution. After the accident, the electric wire broke and fell into the storm water drain canal," clarified the power utility.

His body was shifted to Bowring hospital, and Bescom has opened an inquiry. Ulsoor police have filed an unnatural death registry report.

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In the court of the Hon'ble MACT VII th AddL District Judge, Cum-Judge Family Court, Ananthapuramu
M.V.O.P. No: 277/2021
Between:
Kammaru Manjula ...Petitioner
And
S. Venkatasubramanyam and others ...Respondents
Notice to Respondent No:1 and 2
R1: S.Venkatasubramanyam, S/o Subramanya Sastry, No.67, Sri Vidya, 2nd Main, 5th Cross, K.C.Nagar, Mysore, Karnataka State. (Owner Mahindra TUV 300 bearing Regn. No.KA09-MC-8509)
R2: T.Venkata Subramanyam, S/o Venkata Subramanyam,H.No.67, 2nd Main, 5th Cross, K.C.Nagar, Mysore Town, Karnataka State. (Owner Mahindra TUV 300 bearing Regn. No.KA09-MC-8509)
Where as the petitioner has filed a claim petition against you and the same is posted 04-08-2022 for your appearance. You are hereby directed to appear before the hon'ble court either in person or through an advocate duly instructed on 04-08-2022 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the matter will be heard and decided exparte.
(By order of the court)
P.Gopal Rao, P.Sujathamma, Advocates, Anantapuramu, Andhra Pradesh State. Cell: 9849429739

PERSONAL
CHANGE OF NAME

I, AYSHA Siddiqua D/o Ataulla Khan residing at No.31, Nandagokula Estate, Near L.R.Bande Bus Stop, Shampura Layout, Bengaluru-560045 Karnataka have changed my name to Aysha Siddiqua Khan vide affidavit dated 21/07/2022 before C. V. Erappa, Notary, Bengaluru.

I, NEEHA Kousar W/o Shoaib Taj residing at No. 86, 1st Cross, Anepalya, Neelasandra, Bengaluru-560047 Karnataka have changed my name to Neha Kouser vide affidavit dated 21/07/2022 before C. V. Erappa, Notary, Bengaluru.

I, BIJNEMULA Dadavali, F/o Mohammed Ayaan, R/at Flat No.409, S.V.Pristina Apartments, 28th A Main, 16th Cross, A.R. Layout, 24th Main, J. P.Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore-560078, have changed my minor son's name to Mohammed Ayaan Bijnemula, vide affidavit dated 21-07-2022 before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

I, NARASIMHAN RAMANJULU VIJAYARANGAM, have changed my name from RAMANJULU VIJAYARANGAM NARASIMHAN to NARASIMHAN RAMANJULU VIJAYARANGAM for all future purposes by affidavit dated on 19/07/2022. Notary SESHAGIRI, Blore-43

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU [CH-22]
O.S. No. 25493/2021
BETWEEN:
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Mr. Athishaya ...DEFENDANT
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mr. Athishaya R
S/o. Mr. Prasad Rajendra
R/at. No.60, 1st Floor 11th Cross, BTM 1st Stage, near Bus Stop Bengaluru- 560 029
Also at
No.63/2, 2nd Floor Tavarakere Layout near Bus Stop Marathahalli Bengaluru 560 037
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs.6,72,396.63/- as on 28/03/2021 along with interest 24% P.A. and other consequential relief. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble City Civil Judge, Mayohall at Bangalore (CH-22) in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 17.08.2022 at 11:00 AM, take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Court, this 12th day of July 2022.
By order of this Hon'ble Court
Advocate for Plaintiff
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Note : My client is also intending to avail loan facility with bank and any persons having any claims or rights etc. other then my client may submit to the undersigned their objections in writing together with documentary proof which should reach us within 15 days from the date of this publication. If no such objections are received then, it shall be deemed that no one other than my client has got absolute right, title and interest in respect of schedule property & shall proceed with bank for securing loan facility.
VINOD KUMAR, Advocate,
No. 162 & 165, 2nd Cross, Vidya Nagar, Opp. SKF Bommasandra, Electronic City Area, Bengaluru-560099.
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ANTHONY JOSHUA, Former two-time unified world champion

Boxing's heavyweight title plot thickens

With Oleksandr Usyk and Anthony Joshua set for a rematch next month and Tyson Fury open to coming out of retirement to fight the winner if his terms are met, we could finally have an undisputed champion

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Professional boxing's heavyweight division at the moment is the most interesting it has been in years.

Three fascinating characters currently dominate the main-event space: Oleksandr Usyk, Tyson Fury and Anthony Joshua. And the enticing possibility of an undisputed heavyweight champion finally being crowned doesn't look remote anymore; indeed, there's a real chance it will happen.

Unified world champion Usyk, who holds the WBA, WBO, IBF and IBO belts, will face Joshua in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on August 20 in a rematch of their London bout last year. Usyk had dethroned Joshua at a sold-out Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

Curtain call

Fury, who beat Dillian Whyte to retain the WBC world title in April, had said then that it was unlikely he would fight again. "I have to be a man of my word, and I think this might be the final curtain for the Gypsy King, and what a way to go out," he said.

But not everyone took Fury's words at face value. This, after all, was a man who can't seem to live without boxing.

"What motivates me? It's definitely not a few quid, it's a fact there's nothing else," he once said. "I'm boxing because I can. I don't enjoy anything else, I don't have any hobbies. After boxing I will be a very sad, lonely person. I've tried raising animals, four-wheeled driving, got a shotgun licence, clay pigeon shooting, nothing turns me on."

Moreover, Fury is yet to vacate his WBC title, which some experts see as a sign that he has ambitions of becoming the first heavyweight since Lennox Lewis to reign as the undisputed king. So it wasn't a big surprise that ahead of Usyk-Joshua II, a fight dubbed 'Rage on the Red Sea', Fury said he would meet the winner – if his terms were met.

Prophesying that Usyk would beat Joshua, Fury told *talkSPORT Fight Night*, "He's gonna lose again, then they're gonna call for Achilles to come back. And I'm gonna say, 'Get [lost], I'm retired.' And then, when they're begging, I will return, but it's gonna be very costly."

Promoter Eddie Hearn, who is presenting the Usyk-Joshua rematch, felt Fury, despite his public utterances, preferred to box Joshua and was wary of Usyk.

Avoiding Usyk?

"[Fury] had the chance to fight Usyk before Dillian Whyte and he didn't want to fight him for the undisputed title," Hearn told *iFL TV*. "He wanted to have a warm-up fight and then go into Usyk. That deal broke down and it was there for him, I don't think he'll like the style of [Usyk]. Maybe he's not that motivated about being undisputed if it's Usyk. I feel like he thinks he can beat Joshua, he knows the money will be out of control and he'll take the fight in my opinion."

But before Fury gets involved in the big picture – if he does, that is – Usyk and Joshua will trade punches in a bout brimming with back-story.

Until recently, Usyk was in Ukraine helping the war effort against Russia. Indeed, earlier in the summer it appeared the rematch would have to be postponed.

But the Ukrainian was given permission to leave the country in March to train.

"I really didn't want to leave," he said. "At one point I went to the hospital where soldiers were getting rehabilitation and they asked me to go fight [Joshua]. They said if you go there, you're going to help our country even more instead of fighting inside Ukraine. I want to live there, and right after the fight, I'm going to go back to Ukraine."

Usyk clarified that he would not fight in the Ukrainian military when he returns home, adding it would not impact a potential unification bout with Fury, which he said he would be interested in should he keep hold of his title belts.

The 6'3" Ukrainian has reportedly been training furiously in preparation for the bigger-built Joshua. Known as a high-class technician with superb footwork, Usyk, 35, has apparently been running through sparring partners who have been unable to keep up with his intensity.

Kazakh heavyweight Nursultan Amanzholov has been one of Usyk's training partners, and his manager Aamir Ali revealed that the sessions have been ruthless.

"[Usyk] was sending heavyweights, six-foot-six and what-not back home, they can't keep up," Ali told *Sky Sports*. "Nursultan was one of the only heavyweights that he kept on throughout the whole camp. From what I understand, there were points where Nursultan was being told by Usyk, 'No I need you to come on harder.' Like, just go to war. Anthony Joshua is in trouble."

Joshua, who has been written off by many in boxing circles, said he wanted to regain his 'street cred' by avenging his defeat.

"I feel when I go and beat Usyk, I'll get the credit I deserve again," Joshua, 32, told *ESPN*. "And I'll get the admiration for being a true boxing legend ... I fought for the heavyweight championship in my 16th fight; I felt like it's kind of overlooked. This is my 12th title fight in a row. I just feel like sometimes even though we're selling out arenas and it's good to be popular, I don't really care for that stuff. I'd just want the respect in the division."

Joshua called the fight "my date with history" as he has the chance to become a three-time unified heavyweight world champion, adding: "A happy fighter is a dangerous fighter and I am the happiest and most motivated I have been."

The dethroned champion has set his sights on knocking out Usyk in their rematch, hoping that will erase the painful memories of the shock loss.

Boxing pundits say the 6'6" Joshua must use his physical superiority to disrupt his opponent's rhythm this time. Having linked up with new trainer Robert Garcia, Joshua hinted that is the gameplan as he allayed concerns he might have lost his appetite for the sport.

"What happened then is in the past, I don't really live in the past, I'm just present," he told reporters in London recently. "I'll be looking to be competing round-by-round and if I follow my As, Bs and Cs, it should lead me to KO. But there's too much talking. Less talk, more action. I'm not a comedian, I'm not someone who likes big speeches.

Hungry, desperate

"Let me get in there and do my job, that's my priority. I'm definitely hungry, definitely desperate but how I perform will speak volumes to the masses."

Usyk welcomed Joshua's intention to knock him out. "Let him think about that, let him desire that," he told *The Guardian*. "I really don't care whether he has a new tactic or a new trainer. I'm just thinking about me." When asked if he found Joshua predictable in the ring, Usyk said: "Yes."

While this will be Joshua's second fight in Saudi Arabia, it will be a first in the country for Usyk, who has won all 19 of his professional contests. Saudi Arabia has been routinely accused of human rights violations and has faced claims of attempting to 'sportswash' its reputation.

But although there were no questions about the Gulf State's reputation at a recent press conference both fighters attended, Usyk suggested money was not the driving factor in his decision to fight there.

"It opens some new horizons," he said. "I'm not fighting for money or the recognition. I'm just doing my job now and I will continue doing it while my heart is beating. The only thing I'm on my way to is to save my soul. Everything else that is happening to me is just life."

FURY

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10.49	Florence Griffith-Joyner	USA	Indianapolis (USA)	16 Jul 1988
10.54	Elaine Thompson	Jamaica	Eugene (USA)	21 Aug 2021
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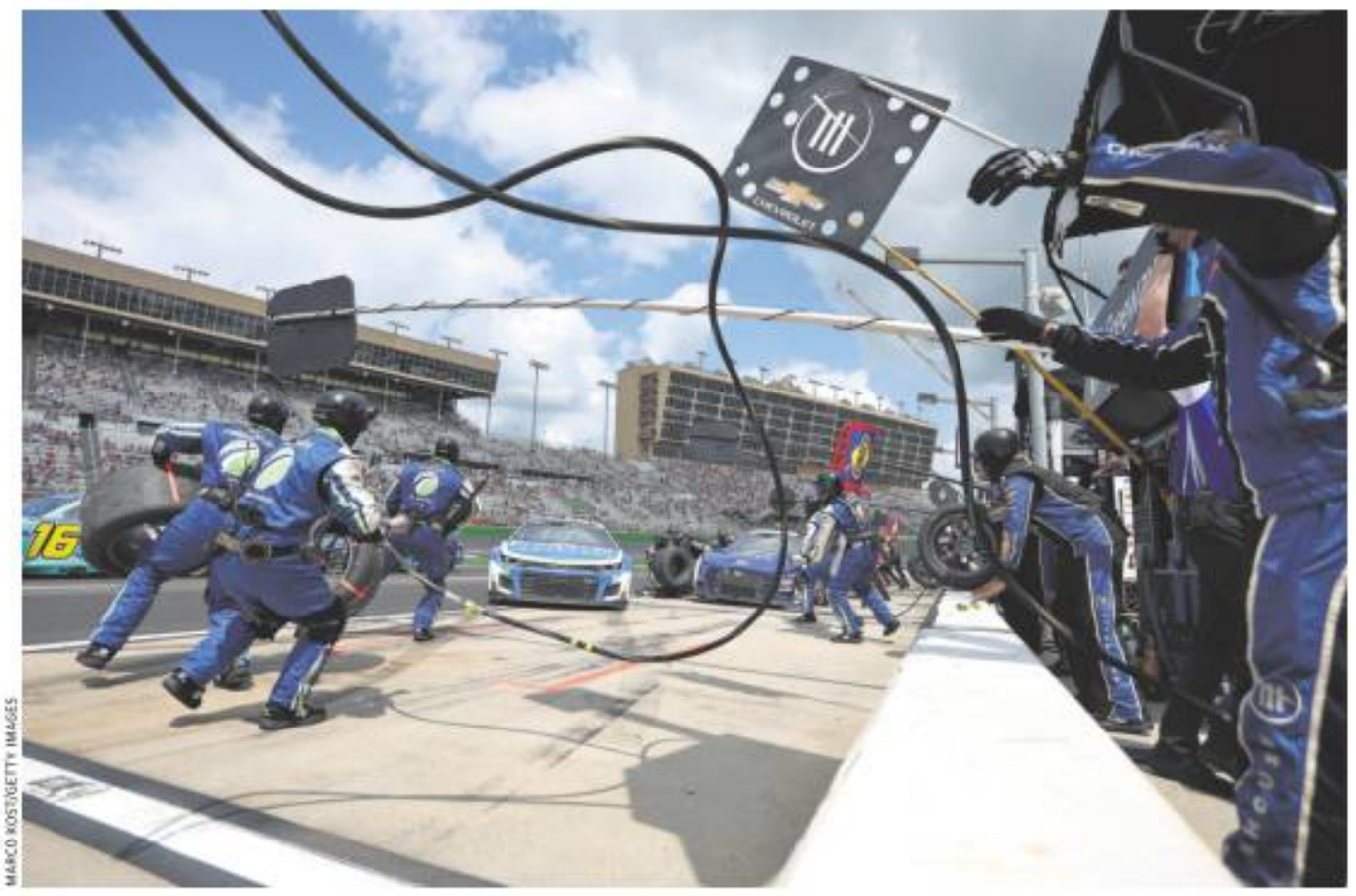

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Quick service

A driver pits during a NASCAR Cup Series race at the Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Georgia, earlier this month.

A pit-stop – one of motorsport's defining features – is a pause during a race for one or a combination of refuelling (in series where it's permitted), tyre changes, repairs, mechanical adjustments, driver changes (where allowed) and penalty-serving.

To pit, drivers enter a pit-lane, which typically runs parallel to the start-finish straight of the race-track, and stop in their team's box or stall.

A crew of mechanics services the vehicle and attempts to turn it around as swiftly as possible.

Given the amount of time lost when stationary, pit strategy – the number of stops and when to pit – is vital; it often decides races.

The list of factors involved in drafting a strategy for a race is mind-boggling, and often teams and drivers have to adjust on the fly.

In Formula One, refuelling is no longer allowed – a move aimed at increasing safety and reducing costs.

The primary purpose of pitting is changing tyres. Red Bull Racing holds the current world record for the fastest stop: Max Verstappen's 1.82-second halt at the 2019 Brazilian Grand Prix.

ITC: BUILDING A COMPETITIVE, FUTURE TECH, CLIMATE POSITIVE AND INCLUSIVE ENTERPRISE

111th Annual General Meeting, ITC Limited, July 20, 2022

ADDRESS BY CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR SANJIV PURI

Enduring Value

We meet today as the world traverses a very challenging journey. While it is heartening that India has responded to the pandemic with admirable resilience, global risks have got accentuated with geo-political tensions and severe economic stress caused by untamed inflation and supply-side disruptions. Worsening food and energy security, together with the growing inequities world-wide, poses new threats to society. Amidst all this, the stark sustainability challenges continue unabated, with climate change becoming an existential threat, and livelihood generation a daunting task.

Yet, never before has so much transformation taken place in such less time. A tectonic shift is being driven by an exponential pace of digital adoption and futuristic innovation. The way people collaborate, work and engage has got profoundly redefined. The emerging geo-economic realities, the need to find newer ways to build resilience and adaptation; adoption of green technologies, mobility and infrastructure; redefined supply chains as well as rapid digital advancements will drive unprecedented change in the years to come.

In such a volatile global environment, it is heartening that India demonstrated admirable resilience and achieved robust recovery driven by the Government's proactive policy measures. Notwithstanding the global headwinds, the promise of the India story is still intact and the economy is poised to remain one of the fastest growing in the world. It is indeed commendable that the Government, while astutely addressing the near-term challenges, has continued to focus on pathbreaking reforms and policy interventions to enhance competitiveness of the economy. The Prime Minister's visionary Gati Shakti scheme to redefine infrastructural development, the Digital India initiative, as well as the Finance Minister's announcements in the last Budget to enhance public expenditure to crowd in private investments, targeted initiatives to support the agri sector and FPOs are indeed farsighted measures to usher in a new paradigm of socio-economic progress. In addition, the PLI scheme aimed at fostering manufacturing investments and the proactive steps to encourage startups have unleashed entrepreneurial spirits to build a New India.

While there are near-term challenges, your Company is optimistic about the prospects of the Indian economy. ITC's future-ready and purpose-driven Businesses and Brands are well poised to seize the emerging opportunities and make a meaningful contribution to national priorities.

BUILDING COMPETITIVENESS WITH ROBUST TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE PERFORMANCE

Your Company's pursuit of 'Responsible Capitalism' has inspired our vision to build an extremely competitive enterprise that contributes in equal measure to people, planet and profit. This abiding vision is embedded in ITC's credo of 'Nation First: *Sab Saath Badhein*'. Over the years, innovative business models have been crafted and focussed investments made to build strategic national assets in the true spirit of *Atmanirbhar Bharat*. These vibrant assets anchor inclusive value chains, enable import substitution, enrich environmental capital and support large-scale livelihoods whilst also creating unique sources of competitive advantage. They are manifest in the state-of-the-art integrated manufacturing facilities established across the country; in thousands of MSMEs we engage with & hundreds of production facilities that support local entrepreneurship; in iconic hospitality properties that enhance the country's tourism landscape; in cutting-edge intellectual property assets and in the empowerment of farmers, local communities and partners who are the lifeline of the economy. The opportunities arising out of India's growth story have also encouraged us to invest in 5 new manufacturing facilities that will be commissioned in the near term in areas such as agri & food processing, as well as packaging, among others. These assets are deeply aligned to the country's 'Make in India' and 'Digital India' vision as well as to the endeavours to 'Double Farmers' Income'.

Your Company has, in recent years, put in place an extensive strategy reset to architect structural drivers to shape the next horizon of growth and competitiveness with sharp focus on agility, innovative capacity, digital transformation, structural cost optimisation, sustainability and empowered talent to create enduring value for all our stakeholders.

It is indeed heartening that, notwithstanding the near-term challenges, your Company continues to deliver robust growth across all business segments, though inflation remains a key monitorable. As valued shareholders, you will also take pride that ITC achieved several milestones in its sustainability journey with global distinctions in climate action, enhanced capacity in green infrastructure and new dimensions in inclusive growth.

FMCG

Your Company has built and nurtured a portfolio of 25 world-class Indian brands in a short span of time with a superordinate vision to create and retain larger value in India. ITC is today the largest incubator of FMCG brands in India, anchoring competitive and inclusive value-chains in wheat, potato, fruits and vegetables, dairy, aqua, forestry among others, that empower millions of farmers. These innovative purpose-led brands are also at the forefront of raising awareness on contemporary social issues. Today, it is immensely encouraging that ITC's newer FMCG Businesses have garnered an annual consumer spend of Rs 24,000 crores. The carefully selected portfolio, with substantial headroom to grow, is estimated to have a total addressable market potential of Rs 5,00,000 crores by 2030, which is amongst the highest in the Indian FMCG space.

ITC launched 110 products during the year, indeed a testimony to your Company's consumer centricity, agility, innovative capacity and digital transformation. It also reflects the ITC Next strategy to fortify and scale up our mega brands such as Aashirvaad, Sunfeast, Bingo! and Yippee!, leverage some of these power brands to address value-added adjacencies and invest in categories of the future. Today, Aashirvaad which is a strong centre-of-plate brand encompassing a range of staples has been extended to Organic, Frozen Breads & Vermicelli; Sunfeast beyond Biscuits to Cakes and Savlon to Surface Disinfectant Sprays and so on. ITC is also investing in categories of the future with some segments being progressively scaled up such as natural-action Nimyle floor cleaners and ITC Master Chef frozen snacks. We continue to incubate new engines of growth to create beachheads in areas that hold promise for the future. In addition, value-accretive acquisitions like Sunrise spices and investments in tech-enabled startups like Mother Sparsh and Mylo, in fast-evolving spaces like mother and childcare, will provide new vectors to accelerate growth.

As we achieve scale for your Company's FMCG portfolio, it is also our aspiration to take these world-class brands to overseas markets. In recent years, we have established distribution arrangements abroad enabling appreciable progress of exports of ITC's 'Proudly Indian' brands to over 60 countries.

The FMCG landscape and consumer access points are transforming rapidly. To stay ahead of the curve, your Company continues to invest in future-ready capabilities to develop new routes to market with strategic partnerships, whilst expanding the breadth, depth and effectiveness of its distribution infrastructure. Today, ITC's products are available in nearly 70 lakh outlets through our vibrant omni-channel network.

ITC has built state-of-the-art Integrated Consumer Goods Manufacturing and Logistics (ICML) facilities across the country to create structural advantages with leaner operations and smart manufacturing leveraging Industry 4.0, enabling a higher level of product freshness, best-in-class quality, market servicing, agility and efficiency. During the year, a new plant was commissioned at Medak, Telangana, taking the total to 10 such modern facilities. In addition, 3 co-located automated logistics centres have been established which together with next generation agile supply chains will enable superior and efficient fulfilment.

It is also heartening that women comprise a large majority of the workforce in the new ICMLs, reflecting your Company's commitment to foster Diversity and Inclusion. Recently, your Company has also created an inclusive panel with 60 visually impaired evaluators as fragrance experts for the Mangaldeep brand of agarbattis.

As part of the ITC Next strategy, the FMCG Businesses continue to create structural competitive advantages and enhance profitability through a gamut of interventions. These include investments in the brand portfolio, science-led innovation, a smart connected ecosystem as well as in building structural advantages in the supply chain and multi-channel distribution. Over time, these investments together with the unique synergy of your Company's enterprise strengths will increasingly contribute to growth and profitability, in spite of the gestation costs associated in scaling up nascent categories and new facilities.

The traditional business segment of Cigarettes also recovered during the year with normalisation of economic activity and is now ahead of pre-pandemic levels. Market standing stood reinforced through strategic portfolio interventions and superior on-ground execution. The legal cigarette industry has been severely impacted by smuggled and tax-avoided products over the years and a relatively stable tax regime is expected to enable the industry to claw back volumes over time.

Agri Business

Your Company is a trailblazer in farmer empowerment with deep engagement in agriculture that spans over a century. Today, ITC's Agri Business sources over 40 lakh tonnes of agri-commodities from 22 States & 20 agri-value chains and is a leading exporter to over 95 countries across the globe.

Agriculture is the lifeline of the Indian economy. Even though India is blessed with strong endowments in agriculture, its share of global trade is only 3%, whilst less than 10% of the country's agri produce is processed. Agricultural productivity and incomes are today seriously threatened by climate change and depleting natural resources, even as the rising population calls for enhanced food and livelihood security.

Global food demand is expected to increase anywhere between 59% to 98% by 2050 according to an article in the Harvard Business Review. A report by the HLEG set up by the 15th Finance Commission has highlighted that India's agri-food exports can double over the medium term, given that the country possesses the largest tracts of arable land in the world as well as diverse agro-climatic zones. Strategic partnerships developed along the lines of the 'Food Security Corridor Initiative' signed as part of the India-UAE CEPA can go a long way in promoting India's potential. Undoubtedly, this will call for higher levels of production, building of competitive agri value-chains, crop diversification to value-added products and scaling up of food processing to serve emerging consumer needs for products that are sustainable and identity preserved particularly in the health, nutrition and organic space.

It is therefore imperative to usher in Next Generation Agriculture by orchestrating an orbit-shift from the conventional production-centric supply chains to demand-responsive value-chains anchored by market players. Your Company is committed to make a meaningful contribution to this new era of agricultural transformation. The strategic focus will therefore be on strengthening its value-added portfolio, expanding regenerative agriculture initiatives through its climate smart programmes and accelerating adoption of advanced technologies through ITCMAARS to create new and scalable revenue streams, whilst benefitting farmers. At the core, is your Company's endeavour to restructure the backend into a robust network of vibrant FPOs to aggregate farmer effort and enhance efficiencies. Over time, your Company will engage and empower over 4,000 FPOs, thereby benefitting more than 1 crore farmers.

To power next generation agriculture, your Company has launched ITCMAARS, an acronym for Meta Market for Advanced Agricultural Rural Services, as a crop agnostic integrated 'phygital' eco-system, which is embedded with a full stack AgriTech platform with FPOs as the pivot. This platform provides farmers with AI/ML driven personalised and hyperlocal crop advisories, access to good quality inputs and market linkages as well as allied services like pre-approved loans. It also offers advanced technologies like real-time soil testing, quality assaying and precision farming at the doorstep of farmers. ITCMAARS has now been launched in 7 States with 40,000+ farmers grouped in 200+ FPOs and will be progressively scaled up across the country. Given the size of the agri and allied sectors, ITCMAARS has the potential to become a considerable segment of your Company's Agri Business besides strengthening its agri-sourcing expertise over time.

In the year gone by, your Company's Agri Business demonstrated stellar performance with strong export growth in wheat, rice, spices and leaf tobacco. The superior sourcing expertise of the Business continues to create sustainable competitive advantage for ITC's FMCG portfolio. Going forward, the strategic focus on value-added crops, ITCMAARS and climate smart agriculture will drive new vectors to sustain growth and profitability in this area of national priority.

Paperboards, Paper & Packaging

I draw immense satisfaction that your Company's Paperboards & Paper Business is an exemplar in triple bottom line contribution.

The ITC Next vision envisages a strategic focus on promising vectors of growth by scaling up value-added paperboards and pioneering Next Generation sustainable packaging solutions. Investments in Industry 4.0, together with an intensified focus on technological excellence, integrated & renewable fibre value chain and import substitution are enhancing competitiveness by setting new benchmarks in productivity, quality and strategic cost management. Your Company is developing innovative sustainable packaging solutions on the laminated board and moulded fibre platforms and has recently launched several B2B brands to provide innovative options to the food & beverages and takeaway segments, amongst others. Given the heightened consumer and regulatory pressures to substitute single-use plastics, this area offers immense potential for your Company.

As valued shareholders, you will draw immense satisfaction that your Company's Paperboards Business contributes to several areas of national priority. Your Company has anchored an extensive afforestation programme. Cumulatively, the programme has covered 9.5 lakh acres, supporting over 170 million person days of employment. Your Company has also invested in India's first and only Bleached Chemical Thermo Mechanical Pulp Mill to substitute imported softwood pulp through innovative technologies and support additional livelihoods along the pulp value-chain. Scaling new heights in environmental leadership, investments were recently made in a state-of-the-art High Pressure Recovery Boiler at Bhadrachalam which will significantly reduce emissions and costs whilst enhancing pulp productivity.

The strategic thrust on product mix enrichment, structural cost management, sustainable packaging and Industry 4.0 will continue to drive competitively superior performance in the years ahead.

Hotels

ITC's hospitality business has over the years made a significant contribution to enriching the tourism landscape of India with iconic properties, signature cuisine brands and international standards of service excellence. With 113 properties, the Hotels Business remains amongst the country's fastest growing hospitality chains. ITC Hotels has redefined sustainability with its credo of 'Responsible Luxury'. I take immense pleasure in sharing with you two significant milestones in this journey. ITC Hotels and Welcomhotels achieved, much ahead of time, the 2030 carbon emission targets envisaged in the COP21 Paris agreement. In addition, ITC Grand Chola at Chennai, ITC Gardenia and ITC Windsor at Bengaluru became the first 3 hotels in the world to receive the LEED® Zero Carbon certification.

To accelerate growth, your Company has adopted an 'asset-right' strategy that provides greater thrust on management contracts through the refreshed Welcomhotel brand as well as the launch of two new brands - 'Mementos' in the luxury segment and 'Storii' for curated experiences. Your Company has launched 9 hotels this year and has a healthy pipeline of new properties which will be opened over the next few quarters. Your Company will shortly unveil ITC Narmada, as a befitting tribute to the rich heritage and vibrant culture of Gujarat.

Undoubtedly, the last two years have been the most challenging for the travel and hospitality sector world-wide. Your Company's Hotels Business responded with commendable agility to tap alternate customer cohorts and garner new revenue streams. The resurgent trend in domestic tourism, MICE and banqueting highlight the immense opportunities for trusted brands like ITC Hotels in a post pandemic era.

Your Company's 'asset-right' strategy, together with strategic interventions in recent years, investments in digital technologies and pursuit of alternate structures in line with industry recovery dynamics, position it well to scale the next horizon of growth.

ITC Infotech

Your Company's subsidiary ITC Infotech has demonstrated encouraging progress in recent years with its abiding commitment to deliver 'Business Friendly' solutions. ITC Infotech has recently acquired a substantial portion of PTC Inc's PLM professional services business, making it one of the largest organisations in this segment and reinforcing its position as a leader in Digital Manufacturing. Targeted investments in chosen domains, technologies and focus on customer and employee centricity, position it well as a future-ready global business.

Sustainability

Your Company is a global exemplar in sustainability. ITC is now carbon positive for 17 years, water positive for 20 years and solid waste recycling positive for 15 years. ITC sustained its 'AA' rating by MSCI-ESG for the 4th successive year. CDP has also rated ITC at the 'Leadership Level' score for both Climate Change and Water Security. Your Company continues to be included in the Dow Jones Sustainability Emerging Markets Index. This year, your Company exceeded its commitment to be plastic neutral by collecting and managing more than 54,000 tonnes of plastic waste.

BUILDING A FUTURE TECH ENTERPRISE

Your Company is on a mission to build a Future Tech enterprise with investments in purposeful consumer-centric innovation, technology, a digitally-enriched smart ecosystem and sustainability.

ITC's vibrant portfolio of future-ready brands reflects the strength of purposeful and agile innovation resident in the market-aligned R&D platforms of ITC-LSTC. To delight consumers and contribute to resolving some of the critical challenges facing society, innovations are being nurtured in high impact areas such as nutrition, wellness, hygiene, convenience foods, agriculture and sustainability. Today with over 900 patents filed, the ITC-LSTC has been ranked as the top private sector innovator in the country. Your Company is also actively engaging with over 30 startups to build scalable solutions.

Recognising that malnutrition is one of India's serious developmental challenges, the Government has established Mission Poshan 2.0. Focussing on this national priority, your Company has launched a comprehensive programme called 'Help India Eat Better'. This is powered by a 4-pillar strategic model encompassing the development of a 'good-for-you' product portfolio, implementation of sustainable food systems, catalysing support to building healthy societies and enhancing awareness.

Your Company's 'good-for-you' portfolio is aimed at enhancing the nutrient value of products to address concerns arising out of anaemia, digestive health, diabetes, immunity, lactose & gluten intolerance and so on. Your Company's Aashirvaad multi-grain atta and Farmlite range of biscuits provide goodness of fibre to aid digestive health. To enhance awareness, a dedicated content marketing platform 'Happy Tummy' has been created with blogs, expert videos, nutritionist consultations and high fibre recipes. Your Company has added micro-nutrients in a range of affordable FMCG offerings and launched a unique fortified +F portfolio of milk and atta, amongst others. Recognising that 7 out of 10 Indians are protein deficient, your Company has launched innovative products such as the Sunfeast Protein shake. The B Natural Nutrilite ABC beverage has been specially crafted with proprietary extracts to boost immunity. Drawing from the insight that 30% of people in West Bengal are lactose intolerant, the Aashirvaad Svasti Easy Digest Milk was launched in pouches, making it accessible for consumers.

Your Company's endeavour to strengthen sustainable agri-food systems is anchored on the Next Generation agriculture interventions as well as on the development of climate resilient varieties and innovative products. These include planet-friendly and micronutrient rich millet-based products marketed under the Aashirvaad Nature's Super Foods brand. We have developed a range of innovative products which will be launched as the country celebrates the International Year of Millets in 2023. Your Company also introduced sustainable plant-based protein products for consumers under the ITC Master Chef IncrEdible brand. Recognising that building community awareness is crucial, dedicated programmes like 'Project Samposhan' have been initiated in select Aspirational Districts to address the critical concern of anaemia.

Your Company continues to build an insight-driven Future Tech enterprise with a connected smart eco-system across every node of the value chain encompassing digital marketing, digital commerce, digital products and digital operations. Your Company is today a pioneer in adoption of digital technologies across strategic impact areas spanning intelligent new-age insights that reimagine Consumer Experience, Business Model Transformation, Smart Operations and Employee Experience. Initiatives such as 'Young Digital Innovators Lab' and 'DigiNext' are driving a data-driven and 'Digital First' culture across the organisation and empowering teams to explore, experiment, adopt and scale up cutting-edge technology interventions.

ITC is also redefining consumer experience by providing them customisation options with initiatives like the '*Meri Chakki*' atta and Classmateshop.com. Unique personalised solutions are being offered with the 'Engage Fragrance Finder' and the 'Dermafique' Smart Skin Advisor. The 'Mangaldeep' App also offers a range of engaging content in the devotional space. Deployment of Industry 4.0, AI & ML technologies across the supply chain is leading to a higher order of efficiency and superior market servicing. The 'UNNATI' App, that covers over 3 lakh outlets, and programmes like 'PACE' have enhanced effectiveness of last mile execution. In the Hotels Business, digital investments continue to be leveraged towards facilitating customer acquisition, enhancing guest experience, enabling smart revenue management and driving operational efficiency through a mobile-first approach with a full-stack ITC Hotels App.

The 'ITC e-Store' is now operational in 15 cities, with 45+ categories and 700 products. Overall sales through e-Commerce channels grew by 3x over FY 20.

We recognise that digital is a megatrend of the decade which will profoundly impact as well as disrupt conventional models. Therefore, your Company continues to invest in a smart connected eco-system to significantly sharpen competitive edge and pursue new opportunities that lie at the intersection of digital, sustainability and its enterprise strengths.

BUILDING A CLIMATE POSITIVE AND INCLUSIVE ENTERPRISE

Climate change has today emerged as an unprecedented existential crisis. Although heightened commitments were made by most countries at COP26, the unfortunate reality is that a 2-degree rise seems inevitable by the middle of the century, even if all current pledges are delivered. It is abundantly clear that radical and urgent measures need to be taken to avert the impending calamity.

The world will no doubt need a revolution of innovative solutions not only for 'hard to abate' sectors but also to rapidly progress action on 'possible to abate' areas. While doing so, it would be important that such climate action ensures a 'just transition' to a greener economy. To my mind, emerging countries will need greater access to green finance and appropriate green instruments to facilitate this transition, particularly to support climate vulnerable agri value-chains.

Perhaps the biggest threat today is the impact of climate change on food systems and livelihoods of poor farmers. According to a recent FAO report, several agri-commodities can be impacted by adverse weather conditions. It was reported that 70 percent of the winter wheat area in the United States, soyabean in Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay, sugar in Brazil and milk in El Salvador has faced output losses due to climate change. Closer home, the unprecedented heatwaves are likely to cause a 3% drop in wheat output. Building climate resilience of agriculture is critical since it addresses the major concern of food and livelihood security.

As overwhelming as the challenges are, it is your Company's unshakeable belief that businesses possess immense capability to make a transformational contribution. When corporates make sustainability the bedrock of their business strategy, it spurs innovation to deliver extreme competitiveness, sustainable and inclusive growth in a unified dimension. This philosophy of Responsible Capitalism has been our guiding beacon, manifest in our credo of 'Nation First: *Sab Saath Badhein*', leading to exemplary performance across the triple bottom line. **It is your Company's firm resolve to scale newer heights in creating a Climate Positive and Inclusive Enterprise that can contribute meaningfully towards the transition to a net-zero economy.**

Given the enormity of the challenges that confronts us today, your Company has now articulated an even more ambitious Sustainability 2.0 vision that will further strengthen your Company's multi-dimensional efforts to combat climate change, enable water stewardship, scale up nature-based solutions, create an effective circular economy and enhance sustainable livelihoods.

To empower rural communities and transform the agri sector, your Company has implemented a mosaic of initiatives based on a 2-horizon approach. The first horizon aims at securing and strengthening the dominant sources of livelihood, while the second focuses on building capabilities for the future in areas such as primary education, vocational training, women empowerment, healthcare and so on. Over the years, women are playing a larger role in ITC's Social Investments Programme and form the core of village grassroots institutions. Your Company's women empowerment initiative catalyses a range of gainful opportunities including high-impact programmes such as financial literacy mobilising over 13 lakh women.

Decarbonisation and Green Infrastructure

Pursuing a proactive strategy of decarbonisation, your Company is increasing its renewable energy footprint, enhancing green infrastructure, scaling up carbon sequestration and ensuring best-in-class standards in specific energy consumption. Today, around 42% of ITC's total energy requirements is met from renewable sources despite a growing footprint of operations. ITC's Sustainability 2.0 goals aim at achieving 50% of total energy consumption and 100% of electricity requirements from renewable sources by 2030.

Your Company is at the forefront of the Green Infrastructure movement with as many as 39 buildings receiving Platinum certification by USGBC or IGBC. These include luxury hotels, factories, office and residential complexes as well as a data centre.

ITC's Afforestation initiative contributes to your Company sequestering over 2 times the emissions from its operations. Your Company is also scaling up its Biodiversity programme, which today covers over 1.3 lakh acres across 29 districts and will be progressively expanded to over 10 lakh acres by 2030.

Climate Smart Villages

Leveraging your Company's extensive experience in promoting sustainable agriculture, we are now scaling up the Climate Smart Villages (CSV) programme in collaboration with CGAIR to build climate resilience and adaptation. A suite of interventions has been launched across 2500 villages in 11 States. The first pilot at scale in Madhya Pradesh has demonstrated encouraging results with yields going up by 15% to 38%, net incomes by 46% to 93% and GHG emissions reducing by 13% to 66%. This has encouraged us to extend the programme to 30 lakh acres by 2030.

Water Stewardship

ITC's integrated watershed development programme today covers over 13 lakh acres, creating rainwater harvesting potential that is nearly 4 times the net water consumed by our operations. The 'More Crop per Drop' programme for demand side efficiency continues to be scaled up, achieving upto 40% water savings across 14 crops. ITC has also undertaken a large-scale river basin regeneration project on the Ghod river in Maharashtra. In a span of 5 years, the Ghod Basin turned water positive, encouraging us to extend such work to 3 other river basins. Your Company was awarded the first AWS Platinum certification in India for its Paperboards unit at Kovai, and is now working towards certifying all units in high water stress areas. It will also be our endeavour to scale up rainwater harvesting potential equivalent to over 5 times the net water consumption by 2030.

IN CONCLUSION

The ITC Next Strategy lends new wings to your Company to achieve higher levels of competitiveness in a volatile economic environment. As we scale greater heights in the future, I draw immense strength from the energy, passion and dedication of Team ITC. Your Company is also privileged to receive the unwavering support from all our valued stakeholders including our consumers and customers, farmers, local communities, partners and many others. On behalf of the Board, and my own, I would like to convey our deepest appreciation to all of them.

As I end, I would like to sincerely thank our valued shareholders and reiterate that I will look forward to your continued support and encouragement.

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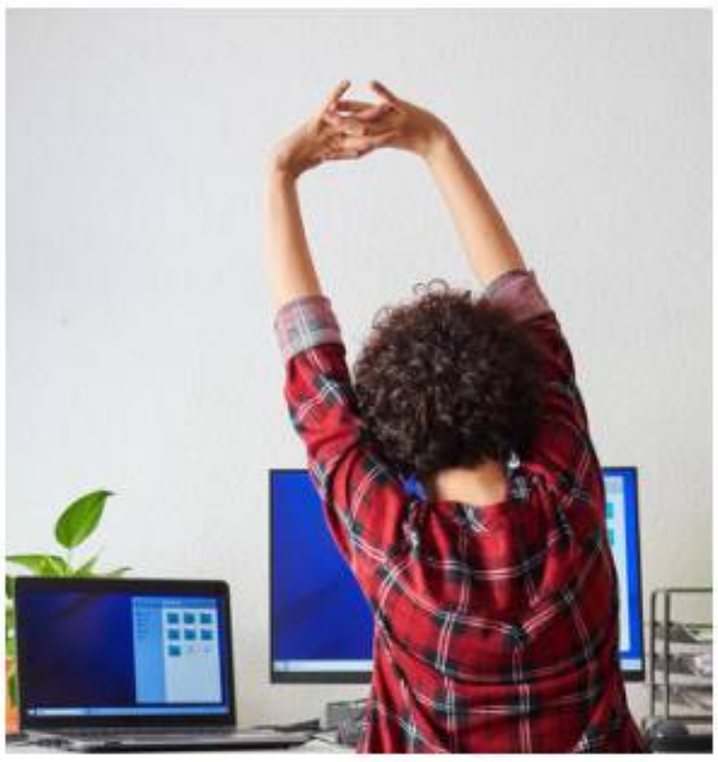
Building offices that feel like home

With private booths and moveable desks, the workplace can be redesigned to inspire and motivate employees who found working from home more convenient, says **PRAVEEN RAWAL**

The past two years have nudged the world to adapt to new ways of working. As we enter the new normal, employers are making informed decisions and considerations while reopening their workplaces and welcoming employees to a hybrid work model. The mass implementation of remote working was formerly understood to be a passing phase as we navigated how to manage work through the pandemic.

However, employees are now left to wonder whether their home offices and the accompanying benefits outweigh those offered by the physical office. In order to find the balance between both sides, we must maintain a future-centric and enterprising outlook to the diverse ways of working.

Through the course of the pandemic, we have witnessed an overwhelming response to remote working or work from home options, which also kick-started a domino effect in employee turnover rates. This stemmed from people opting to resign in favour of companies that acknowledge their employees' preferred ways of working and offer a sense of autonomy in choice. Part of this was a symptom of 'The Great Resignation', a movement that saw employees quit their jobs in waves. It also encouraged the corporate world to re-evaluate and improve upon working conditions, including physical, mental and financial.



> Employees have grown accustomed to swapping their workstations from their beds and dining tables to patios and balconies as the corporate world migrated to their homes

Now, corporates are increasingly looking for means to provide or replicate the convenience of home offices and remote working set ups. In particular, these modes provide employees with independence, comfort, flexibility and economic value, which companies will need to factor in when building dynamic work environments to retain their workforce.

Ergonomic workstations

Employers must understand that the only constant is change if they attempt to not only meet, but exceed, their employees' preferences. They will need to reassess their 'ideal standards of working' and overhaul their outlook on workplace efficiency, in order to facilitate an easy transition into the new normal. This can be achieved by keeping pace with their employees' sentiments and building multi-use workspaces that can accommodate new lifestyle preferences. These workspaces can be adapted to fit and address a plethora of needs, to aid the user as well as their surroundings. This includes ergonomic height-adjustable or standing workstations to keep users active throughout the day, as well as moveable furniture that can be clustered together for team meetings, lunches or brainstorms.

The common workplace will need to be redesigned in order to cultivate a sense of inspiration and motivation among employees. They will also need to be reassured that their time spent commuting is worthwhile by omitting the obligation to mark their presence, thereby encouraging them to return to the office. Through the power of thoughtful and purposeful design, companies can create effective and impactful workplaces that foster creativity and excitement. These spaces will help boost the user's experience, state-of-mind and outlook towards their work environment.

Organisations will also need to demonstrate their agility and adaptability by recreating the workplace in the mould of the adaptive and comfort-driven environment of the home office. Employees have grown accustomed to swapping their workstations from their beds and dining tables to patios and balconies as the corporate world migrated to their homes. By merging the versatility of the residence with the commercial office, companies can create spaces in which people actually want to work. By breaking down the constraints of the rigid corporate office, this informal 'resimercial' space can offer a fresh new take on the workplace that will not confine users but welcome a sense of independence.

Private booths and pods

Providing employees with the choice and freedom of how and where they work in the office, will help them make a seamless and easy transition from the home office to the workplace. Smart working solutions like private booths and pods, moveable desks, recliners and lounges, ergonomic seating and panelled workstations provide users with a range of choice that adjusts to their needs and comfort. This pivot will also likely signal the end of the open-office era, which was once thought to revolutionise the employee experience by enforcing socialisation and collaboration in the workplace.

However, this sea of monotonous and nondescript desks have blurred boundaries and inhibited privacy, which has gained a renewed sense of importance. The "open-office" concept negates the need for personal space to fulfil the agenda of maximising the full potential of floor space, economising the employee's experience. We now see people wanting the option of self-isolation for focused tasks or to just temporarily escape common workplace interruptions and disturbances.

The true function of the workplace has become a topical issue in recent times that has allowed employees to build a sustained preference for their home offices. This has led to working from home or remote working from elsewhere to be placed on a pedestal. Despite this, an essential factor absent in the home office or when working remotely from cafés and restaurants, is the ability to collaborate and form close connections to one's team or fellow colleagues. These human and in person interactions thrive and strengthen in the shared space of the workplace.

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Striking a balance

The pandemic ushered in a tendency for one to remain reserved and to keep to themselves.

This was amplified by a lack of team building and familiarity with one's co-workers that virtual meeting platforms and software have not been able to successfully address, thus hindering the development of interpersonal skills and the ability to form close-knit relationships.

Companies can address this palpable isolation and disconnectedness by incorporating people-first workspace solutions that ease the apprehensions faced when meeting new people, or new team members.

Employers will essentially need to strike a balance between building workplace communities and designing spaces that offer users the ability to focus better, without the exposure and distractions of the work floor.

This can be approached by downsizing conference rooms to seat smaller groups of people instead of the usual crowds.

In finding new ways to align themselves with their employees' comforts, companies do not need to discount the human experience to fulfil their quotas of productivity.

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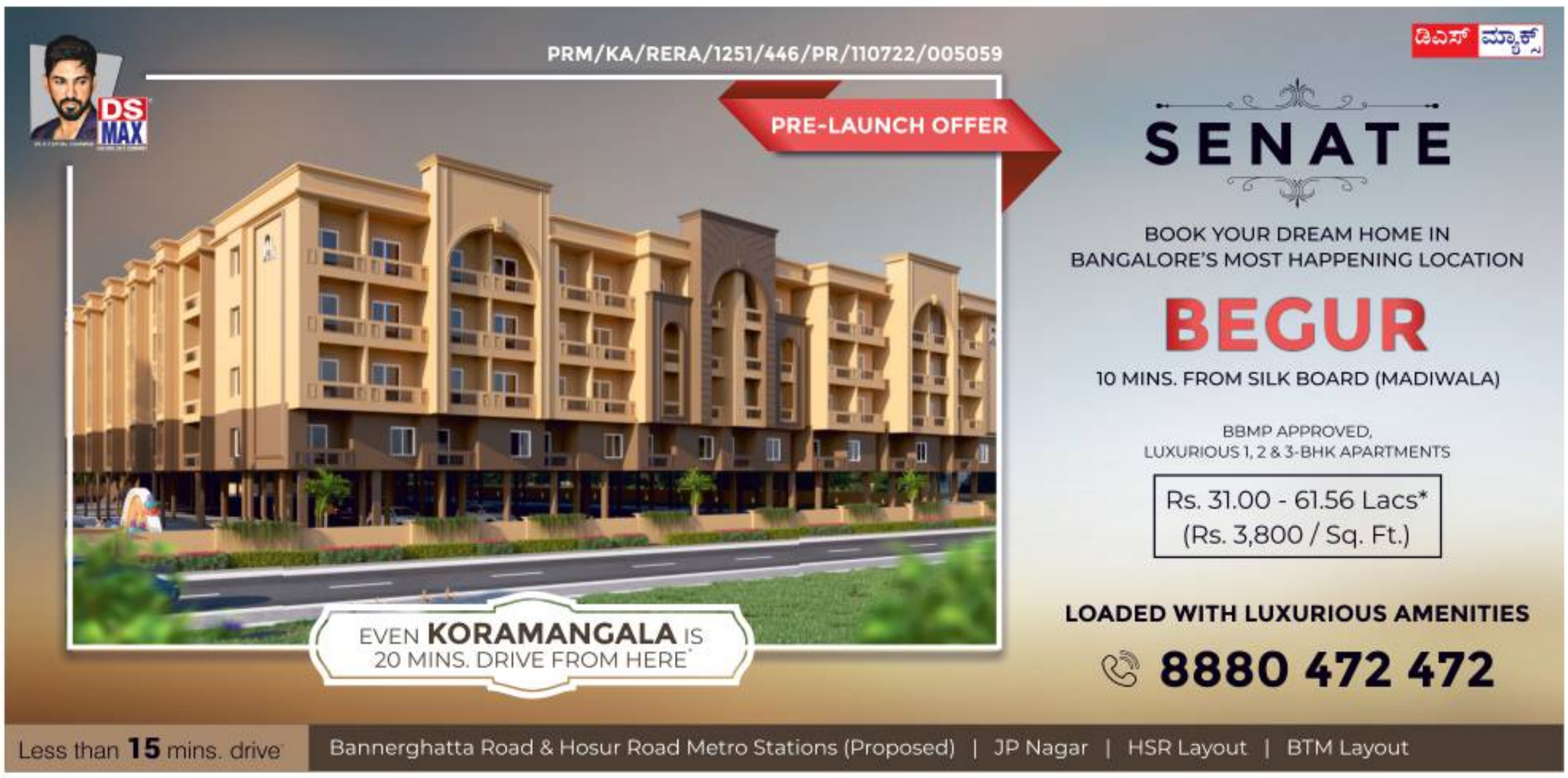
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Jayanagar General Hospital gets a brain health clinic

Similar clinics will come up in Kolar, Chickballapur

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Minister of Health K. Sudhakar and cricketer Robin Uthappa at the launch of the brain health clinic in Bengaluru on Friday.
•SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

WORLD BRAIN DAY

For early diagnosis and timely treatment of common neurological problems, such as epilepsy, headache, stroke, dementia and brain infections, from the grassroots level of primary health centres, a brain health clinic was inaugurated at the State-run Jayanagar General Hospital. It was set up under the Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI).

NIMHANS has trained 100 doctors at the PHC level for brain health clinics in the three pilot districts of Bengaluru South, Kolar and Chickballapur. Brain health clinics will also be started at SNR Hospital in Kolar and District Hospital in Chickballapur.

Early identification

Suvarna Alladi, professor and head of the Department of Neurology at NIMHANS, said, "For the first time in India, PHC doctors will be certified in the treatment of common neurological diseases. Training programme for ASHA workers has been developed to screen patients with neurological disorders at Health and Wellness centres and homes, so that early identification and treatment can be provided at the grassroots level.

Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar, who inaugurated the clinic, said the clinics will serve as nodal centres to diagnose, treat, refer and follow-up patients with common neurological disorders. Treatment for mental health will be available at the 243 Namma Clinics that will become functional in Bengaluru shortly, he said.

Earlier, at a programme marking World Brain Day at NIMHANS, the Minister said some people have wrong opinions, taboos and stigma about mental health. These reasons in addition to poverty and lack of adequate facilities result in mental health issues going unaddressed. Ka-BHI will also focus on making mental health more accessible while fighting stigma through awareness programmes.

Cricketer Robin Uthappa, the ambassador for Ka-BHI, launched brain health activities, including a cricket match titled "Reflections with Robin: Morning Cricket".

Man dies in freak accident

KARNATAKA BUREAU
BENGALURU

A 23-year-old was killed in a freak accident on Sumanahalli flyover on Outer Ring Road on July 22. The deceased has been identified as Mukesh, hailing from Tiruvannamalai in Tamil Nadu and a resident of Laggere. He got married seven months ago.

Mukesh had gone to Tiruvannamalai to visit his family. He returned to Bengaluru early on July 22 in a bus. He had got down at Satellite Bus Stand on Mysuru Road. At 4.30 a.m., he was picked up by his brother-in-law David, 26, from the bus stand. The duo were heading home at Laggere on a bike, with Mukesh riding pillion. On Sumanahalli flyover, the driver of a truck carrying timber lost control and hit the median. The logs hit two bikes on the opposite lane.

David, Mukesh and another biker Shivu, 26, were severely injured. They were shifted to a nearby private hospital where Mukesh succumbed to his injuries.

The Kamakshipalya Traffic Police have seized the truck and arrested the driver.

ITI Ltd., C-DOT sign MoU

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

To supplement country's requirement of self-reliance in the area of Telecommunication, ITI Limited, a PSU Manufacturing Telecom and Defense Equipment, and Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), signed an MoU to establish a framework for cooperation of LTE/LTE-A/4G technology based Wireless Communication Systems that will provide networks of the upcoming technologies to different telecom service providers in the country and also address business opportunities globally.

ITI Ltd and C-DOT will collaborate to create a 'Make in India' stack as part of this MoU for the upcoming 4G & 5G opportunities in India. ITI Limited, with more than 70 years of experience in manufacturing will productionise the 4G upgradeable to 5G Radio Access Network (RAN) and related equipment in line with 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'. It will explore supplying the C-DOT LTE RAN/eNodeB systems to market opportunities in PSU, Railways, Defence, Export Markets.

The MOU was exchanged between D. Venkateswarlu, Chairman and MD, ITI Ltd. and Daniel Jebaraj, Director, C-DOT in the presence of C-DOT officials led by Harwesh Bhatia, Member (Services), Rajesh Sharma, DDG (SU), Mukesh Mangal, DDG(SA-II), and P.K. Singh, DDG(SA).

Mr. Venkateswarlu, said, "C-DOT has been a traditional technology partner and ITI Ltd. is delighted to join with C-DOT to manufacture indigenous 4G telecom products."

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Anti-conversion ordinance: HC notice to govt. on plea

As provisions of the ordinance empower the State to suppress personal liberty, it violates right to life and personal liberty guaranteed in the Constitution, petitioners claim

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The High Court of Karnataka ordered issue of notice to the State government on a PIL petition questioning the constitutional validity of the Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Ordinance, 2022, which prohibits conversion from one religion to another by 'fraudulent means'.

A Division Bench, comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J.M. Khazi, passed the order on a petition filed by the Evangelical Fellowship of India, New Delhi, and the All-Karnataka United Christian Forum for Human Rights, Bengaluru.

Orally observing that the matter requires consideration, the Bench adjourned further hearing after directing the government to submit statement of objections to the petition within four weeks.

'Manifestly arbitrary'
Appearing for the petitioners, senior advocate Aditya Sondhi argued that the ordinance, promulgated on May 17, 2022, is 'manifestly arbitrary' as it prohibits all types of religious conversions in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

When Mr. Sondhi requested the court to either stay implementation of the provisions of the ordinance or pass an interim order directing authorities not to take coercive steps based on the ordinance, the Bench said it would examine all the issues after the government submits its statement of objections.

FROM THE COURT

Fundamental rights
"The ordinance seems to be premised on a conspiracy theory and assumes that all conversions are illegally forced upon individuals who may have attained the age of majority," the petitioners have contended while arguing that the ordinance impinges upon the right to convert oneself to another religion under Article 25, the right to freedom of religion, of the Constitution. As provisions of the ordinance empowers the State to suppress an individual's personal liberty, it violates the fundamental right to life and personal liberty guaranteed in the Constitution, the petitioners claim. "The bogey of forced conversions has dominated the political landscape in India of late. It is also indisputably true that some forced conversions may have been affected by groups from all major religious communities. However, the ordinance, due to slew of its legal and practical deficiencies, is definitely not an appropriate solution to the problem," the petitioners have claimed.

As individuals have to approach the district magistrate to validate their conversion for the purpose of marriage or otherwise, the ordinance violates their right to privacy, it has been contended in the petition while pointing out that use of 'uncertain and vague' terminologies like misrepresentation, force, fraud and allurement pose serious avenue for misuse of the law.

The ordinance, the petitioners claim, also violates the right to equality before the law as it makes an exception in case a person reverts back to his original religion.

Attack on secular fabric
It has been alleged that the ordinance is an attack on the secular fabric that holds Indian democracy together, and demonstrates intolerance towards the religious choices of the people as the government assumes the role of protecting the religious identities of people.

Pandora's box
The ordinance may also open a Pandora's box, and lead to mistrust and conflict between rival religious outfits and groups, the petitioners have claimed.

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Bengaluru placed second in both CBSE Class X and XII exams

The region saw a pass percentage of 98.16 in the Class XII and 99.22 in the Class X

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The Bengaluru region secured the second place in the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Class XII examinations with a region-wise pass percentage of 98.16%. The CBSE on Friday announced the Class XII results with an overall pass percentage of 92.71%.

Trivandrum region stood first in the list with a pass percentage of 98.83%. Bengaluru region came second, followed by Chennai region in the third place with 97.79%.

Girls outperformed boys yet again by 3.29%, while transgender persons stole the show with 100% pass percentage. Girls had a pass percentage of 94.54%, while boys recorded 91.25%.

A total of 14,35,366 students appeared for the examination across the nation of which 13,30,662 (92.7%) students have passed the exam. A total of 33,432 students or 2.2% students scored more than 95% and 1,34,797 or 9.39% of total candidates scored more than 90%.

Change in exam pattern
This year, the board had gone in for a change in exam pattern and had conducted Term 1 and Term 2 exams.

The Term 1 exam, held from November 16, 2021 to December 30, 2021, was a 90 minute objective type paper. Students took up the two and a half hour long paper at the end of Term 2, from April 26, 2022 to June 15, 2022, for the rest of the syllabus. The board had also rationalised the syllabus by 30%, owing to the pandemic and the delay in the start of in-person classes in many states.

Along with the declaration of the results, the board announced on Friday that 30% weightage had been given for the Term 1 paper and 70% weightage for the Term 2 paper. Practicals, however, have been given equal weightage in both terms.

Bengaluru schools students have performed well and many schools have achieved 100% results. Two Class XII students have scored 498/500 in science stream. Vyaas Ramasubramanian of Narayana E-Techno School, Thubarahalli, and Nikita Kiran from National Public School, Koramangala, both emerged as top scorers of the State in the science stream.

Some students secured 99% marks. Edward Nathan Varghese from Delhi Public School East (DPS) from the Science stream, Nikhil Kamra, National Public School (NPS), Indiranagar from Commerce stream, Tanya Sudheer of CMR National Public School, HRBR Layout and Cyril Jonathan Clement of DPS East in Humanities secured 495/500.'

Vyaas Ramasubramanian told *The Hindu*, "I ensured that I had gone through the NCRT text completely so that I don't miss out any of the lessons. I followed a simple strategy of revising the concepts and completing the tests on time. My parents and teachers helped me a lot. I want to become a doctor." He also advised his juniors to not take too much stress.

Nikita Kiran said, "I am happy with this result. My parents are software engineers and I also want to become a computer engineer. I aim to join IISc or IIIT in Bengaluru."

Cyril Jonathan Clement said, "I have secured an admission in University of Washington, Seattle, to pursue political science and environment studies. I am very ambitious about the environment and I want to invest my talents in developing the environment and serving society."

CBSE Class X result
Bengaluru region performed well in the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Class X exam and secured the second place with a pass percentage of 99.22%.

The overall pass percentage for Class X recorded is 94.4%, with Trivandrum on top with 99.68%. Chennai came third with 98.97%.

This year, of the 21,09,208 candidates registered for Class X exams, 20,93,978 appeared and 19,76,668 managed to clear the same.

Anika U. Bhat from National Public School (NPS), Rajajinagar scored 497/500. She scored 100 marks in Sanskrit, Science, Maths and Social Science and 97 in English with total percentile of 99.4. Venya Velmurugan from Delhi Public School (DPS-East) got 496/500 (99.2%) and Ranjani Aiyyar from NPS, Indiranagar scored 99% of marks.

This year girls have done better than boys by 1.41% and trend of girls outshining boys has continued this year too. In Class X, 95.21% girls sailed through the exams while the percentage of boys passing is 93.8.

Transgenders achieved a 90% result in the CLass X examination this year.

Speaking about the result, Anika U. Bhat told *The Hindu*, "I was a bit upset over losing three marks, but then I was very happy to see full marks in all other subjects. I am planning to go ahead with Computer Science."

Venya Velmurugan, said, "I am interested in Robotics Engineering. So, I want to crack the JEE. As the future is all about Artificial Intelligence (AI), I would like play an important role to contribute to the world of robotics."

Nikita Kiran, Class XII, National Public School, Koramangala

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Venya Velmurugan, Class X, Delhi Public School (East)

PSI recruitment scam: HC declines bail to seven accused

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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The High Court of Karnataka on Friday declined to grant bail to seven accused persons in the police sub-inspector recruitment scam.

Justice H.P. Sandesh passed the order rejecting the petitions filed by four candidates, two middlemen and one PSI in service.

The accused petitioners are C.N. Shashidhar, Sharath Kumar R., Raghuveer H.U., Dilip Kumar C.K., Praveen Kumar H.R., Surinarayana K., and Naveen Prasad.

The CID had opposed the bail petition by contending that the investigation is yet to be completed and the alleged offences committed by the accused are heinous, affecting public interest and credibility of the process of recruitment to public service.

During the hearing, the judge had observed that "the act of indulging in selecting the persons by malpractice and who have committed fraud in the process of PSI recruitment and manipulation of the documents amounts to an act of terror to the society ..." as it impacted around 50,000 aspirants.

The CID had agreed with the court's observations while pointing out that involvement of police officers, including some at the top level, in the scam is nothing but an instance of fencing eating the crop.

Food delivery partners protest

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Demanding better pay, a section of food delivery partners of Swiggy participated in a 'log off' protest on Friday. Extending support to protesters, United Food Delivery Partner's Union (UFDPU) said that the grievances of the food delivery partners remained unresolved. A reduction in pay given to the partners and asking them to do 'out of zone' deliveries are prominent grievances.

In a press release, the union stated that earlier, delivery partners were able to meet their target by riding a distance of 80 to 100 km per day, but are now unable to meet the target despite crossing 220 km in traffic. "Delivery partners are forced to make deliveries out of their zones and are only given ₹5 per km. Because of these factors, their income has come down to great extent and they are forced to work under stress," states the release.

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City-based entrepreneur Captain G.R. Gopinath, whose memoir *Simply Fly*, the Surya-starrer Tamil film *Soorarai Pottru* is based on, said he was happy that his story of challenges and entrepreneurship had reached the masses, while also being critically acclaimed. The film won big at the 68th National Film Awards, including the Best Film of 2021.

"When I was talking to students at schools and business schools of my journey of travails to entrepreneurship - from facing hurdles at my village, army life, returning to my village to do farming, running a motorcycle dealership, an Udupi hotel and then to helicopter and airlines business, people used to ask me to write. I wrote keeping in mind our rural folk; to tell them that if you have a dream and are persistent, capital will come to you. This is the story of most entrepreneurs like N.R. Narayana Murthy or Steve Jobs. The film has told this story well and has taken it to the masses. It feels great that the film is also critically acclaimed and recognised at the national awards," Capt. Gopinath said.

He said aspiring entrepreneurs should start small with whatever they had and if they persisted and reinvented by responding to the challenges, they would succeed. "One must not have a pessimistic attitude, for instance, think that only those with political connections can pull something off. Everyone will have a set of advantages and disadvantages and failure is just a stepping stone," he said.

Capt. Gopinath was all praise for the film *Soorarai Pottru*, for how it portrayed the story of his wife Bhargavi. "The way she supported me, but also did not lose her identity and emerged as an entrepreneur in her own right running the Bun World Iyengar Bakery, which recently completed 25 years, has come out very well in the film," he said.

Kannada films bag four awards at the 68th National Film Awards

They were announced in New Delhi on Friday

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Kannada films have won four awards at the 68th National Film Awards for films of 2021 announced in New Delhi on Friday.

Late actor Sanchari Vijay's last film *Taledanda*, won the Best Film on Environment Conservation/Preservation. Filmmaker Praveen Krupakar dedicated the award to Sanchari Vijay, who plays a mentally-challenged person trying to save trees in the film. "Sanchari Vijay has acted so well in the film, I was hoping he would again be posthumously adjudged the best actor and was not expecting an award for the film as such. But I dedicate this award to Sanchari Vijay," he said.

Auteur filmmaker Girish Kasaravalli's documentary on renowned Hindustani vocalist Pt. Venkatesh Kumar *Naada Navaneeta: Pt. Venkatesh Kumar* has been adjudged the Best Arts and Culture Film. The documentary has been produced by the Department of Information and Public Relations, Karnataka.

Girish Kasaravalli • FILE PHOTO

Mr. Kasaravalli, speaking to *The Hindu*, expressed happiness at the film being recognised by the national film awards. This is the 16th national film award for him. Pt. Venkatesh Kumar also expressed happiness at the film bagging the award and said that his students enjoyed it.

"I did not know that documentaries also bag awards. But it feels nice that the jury has liked the film," he said.

Meanwhile, Sagar Puranik's debut feature film of 2021 *Dollu* has won the Best Kannada Film award, apart from bagging an award for Best Audiography in Feature Films. "I am very happy that my first feature film has bagged a national award. The film examines the effects of globalisation and urbanisation on folk art forms like Dollu Kunita. My first short film *Mahan Hutatma* had also won a special jury award at the national film awards earlier," he said.

Jeetige (Deevatige-traditional torch), directed by Santhosh Mada, with Naveen D. Padil as the lead actor won the award for Best Tulu Film. The film was based on COVID-19 pandemic wherein a Daivaradhane Paathri (spirit worshiper) eagerly awaits the return of his son working on a ship that was stranded somewhere due to the pandemic. The movie depicts the ordeal of the common man during the pandemic.

Controversy over audiography award to *Dollu*

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Best Audiography award for sync sound category for the Kannada film *Dollu* has created a controversy as the film has been dubbed and is not a sync sound film at all. Oscar award winning audiographer Resul Pookutty flagged the issue on Twitter, following which Sagar Puranik clarified that the application for the award did not ask whether the film was dubbed or sync sound, and the film unit had never claimed it was a sync sound film. We have dubbed for the film, he said. Mr. Puranik said he was trying to contact the Union government to get more clarity on the issue.

National honour for constable

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Zina Pinto, Constable, RPF, Bengaluru Division, SWR, has been awarded the Women and Child Security National Medal by the Ministry of Railways with a cash award of ₹1 lakh for her efforts in women security and child rescue. Ms. Pinto was responsible for rescuing over 35 children from human trafficking and cracking two cases of kidnapping of minors. The Ministry of Railways announced the awards on July 21.

Ms. Pinto dedicated her efforts to detection of cases of crime against women, detection of theft of passengers; belongings which enhanced women security over Bengaluru Division of SWR. She has also played a vital role as a part of All Women RPF Women Security teams called 'Shakti' and her dedicated efforts resulted in prevention and detection of many offences against women passengers.

Akhilesh Tiwari, IPF, was awarded the 2nd prize for best investigation with a cash prize of ₹50,000 for detecting cyber criminals of the All India E-ticketing racket and the arrest of Hamid Ashraf residing in Dubai that led to seizure of his properties worth crores in India.

Bandepalya police initiative helps 42 students clear SSLC supplementary exam

The police had organised a 21-day intense training in the area for 85 students with the help of teachers from neighbouring schools

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The tutorial classes organised by Bandepalya police station for students in the area who failed their Class 10 exams paid off as many of them passed the test. Of the 85 students who attended the classes, 42 have passed in all pending subjects in the SSLC supplementary exam, making them eligible for college education.

The Bandepalya police had organised a 21-day intense training with the help of teachers from neighbouring schools in the area for students from the area who had failed.

L.Y. Rajesh, Inspector, Bandepalya Police, who spearheaded the initiative, said he was very happy that they could save a precious academic year for these students.

"We are helping other students who have scored near passing marks to apply for revaluation and re-totalling. We are consulting teachers on how to engage these students now and train them for supplementary exams in October 2022," he said.

For the 42 students who passed in all the subjects, the Bandepalya police are now in talks with three colleges in the area to induct them and also give them discounts in tuition fee.

"Every student who has passed the exam will get a seat in a college nearby," Mr. Rajesh said.

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Cabinet approves new employment policy to increase jobs for locals

Different industries are required to generate specific number of minimum jobs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The new Karnataka Employment Policy 2022-25, has mandated investors to increase the number of jobs for locals while expanding their industrial units or setting up new industries in the State.

The State Cabinet on Friday cleared the policy. Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy told presspersons after the Cabinet meeting that there were specific guidelines on how various industries should provide employment. "Under the new policy, the number of jobs should be increased and locals should be employed," he said.

The vision of the policy is to ensure ample availability of relevant workforce across Karnataka. • FILE PHOTO

The vision is to ensure ample availability of the relevant workforce across Karnataka and provide job opportunities to a larger base of the State's workforce to reduce unemployment in Karnataka, he said.

The increase in the number of jobs would depend on the category of the industry and investment. If an industry is categorised as medium-scale, where the minimum employment is 20 and it agrees to create seven more jobs, then the policy will allow for an additional investment of up to ₹10 crore, the Minister said.

Similarly, if an industry has proposed to increase working capital by ₹50 crore, it has to generate a minimum of 30-50 jobs. If the investment is ₹100 crore, a minimum of 35 additional jobs should be created, the Minister said.

Minimum job guarantee

The government has increased the minimum job generation requirement for industries, Mr. Madhuswamy said.

Ultra mega units, which were earlier required to create a minimum of 400 jobs, will now have to generate 510. The minimum job requirement of large-scale industries has increased from 50 to 60 and that of medium-scale industries from 10-15 to 20.

If the entrepreneurs have to invest additionally, they will have to create extra jobs based on the criteria explained in the policy, he said.

BSY's announcement of constituency for his son raises eyebrows within BJP

Not easy for party to completely go against the veteran leader's wishes

B.S. SATISH KUMAR
BENGALURU

BJP veteran B.S. Yediyurappa's announcement that he would retire from electoral politics and that his son B.Y. Vijayendra would contest from Shikaripur in his place, has raised many eyebrows in the party.

Though the leader, who is credited with strengthening the party in different areas of the State from scratch, is seen as being well within his rights to announce his retirement from electoral politics, what has surprised everyone is his announcement that his son would be contesting from Shikaripur.

Though Mr. Vijayendra, known for his organisational skills and poll management strategies, has high chances of getting the party ticket to contest the Assembly polls,

B.Y. Vijayendra

the announcement by his father that he would contest specifically from Shikaripur has surprised senior leaders within the party.

Making the announcement is the prerogative of the Central or the State leadership, they point out.

Leaders close to Mr. Yediyurappa seek to downplay the propriety of his announcement by insisting that it is "only natural" for a leader who represented the constituency for eight times to pass on the baton to his son, so that the emotional bond with the constituency continues.

But another section of leaders see this as an attempt to bring pressure on the party leadership to go along with his decision. Some expect a long silence from the high command to increase tension within the Yediyurappa camp.

It is not very easy for the Central leadership to completely defy Mr. Yediyurappa, as it needs his active support, especially to help keep its Lingayat base intact ahead of the next Assembly elections.

In this context, it remains to be seen whether it would fully agree to Mr. Yediyurappa's wish.

Interestingly, some leaders were speculating about the possibility of Mr. Vijayendra taking on Congress leader Siddaramaiah if he were to contest from Varuna in Mysuru district.

Some were of the view that Mr. Vijayendra would get a jumpstart in his political career if he emerges as a "giantkiller" by trouncing the political stalwart from Varuna.

Others appeared keen to pose a tough challenge to Mr. Vijayendra by pushing him to this contest and also jeopardise the perceived goodwill between Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Yediyurappa.

The latter argue that Mr. Vijayendra should not choose a "safe bet" like Shikaripur.

Greetings

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai called on President-elect Droupadi Murmu in New Delhi on Friday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

'Kasturirangan report will not be implemented'

We can't evict residents: Madhuswamy

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The State government on Friday said it will not be in a position to implement the Kasturirangan report, based on which the Centre has issued a draft notification of the ecologically sensitive area (ESA) in Western Ghats.

"We will not accept the report. We will not be able to evict the residents in the region based on the report," Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy told presspersons after a Cabinet meeting.

Legislators of the region have been opposing the Kasturirangan report for many years.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will be leading a delegation to urge the Centre not to issue a final notification of the ESA in the Western Ghats. Mr. Bommai will be in Delhi from July 25 to 26.

'Difficult to fix political quota'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy on Friday said it is extremely difficult to fix political reservation for over 700 backward communities in the State in elections to urban and local bodies (ULB), as there are no guidelines for it.

Mr. Madhuswamy said the State government was "at a loss" and in total confusion over providing political reservation for OBCs in the ULB elections.

"If the Supreme Court accepts the report (K. Bhaktavatsala commission report), then we can go to polls in Bengaluru and other local bodies," he said.

The Karnataka government has been providing reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in elections since 1986, based on the reservation provided for OBCs under social, economic, and educational criteria.

"No guidelines have been formulated yet for providing political reservation for OBCs in ULB elections," he said.

The size of the OBC population is different in each ULB. With the SC/ST population not exceeding 13% in Bengaluru, it would be possible to provide a quota up to 35% for OBCs in BBMP, he said.

Guidelines on release of convicts approved

Panel should review records of all prisoners and identify those eligible

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The State Cabinet on Friday approved guidelines which oppose granting special permission for release of convicts involved in multiple murder cases, and persons convicted with sentence of death. The guidelines oppose release of persons convicted with terrorist activities, dowry killings, counterfeiting of currency notes, POSCO Act, 2012, Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1956, Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, Black Money and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Act, 2005, and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

The State-level screening committee should review the records of all prisoners and identify eligible prisoners who satisfy the prescribed conditions for remission and make recommendations to the State government after examining each case in detail, the guidelines said..

The guidelines said prisoners who have consistently maintained overall good conduct, especially those with no punishment during the convict period of previous three years, are eligible for special remission.

Prisoners who are eligible for special remission include women and transgender convicts aged above 50 and already completed 50% of their total sentence period, male convicts 60 years and above and who completed 50% of sentence, physically-challenged convicts with 70% disability and who have completed 50% of their sentence, terminally-ill convicts, convicted persons who have completed 66% of their total sentence period, and persons who have committed an offence at a young age, between 18 and 21 years, and who have completed 50% of their total sentence period. The age of convicts should be determined according to matriculation certificate or age given in the judgment of the trial court, the guidelines said. Generally, prisoners with good conduct are released on Independence Day.

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BSY announces retirement

About his father's future plans, Mr. Vijayendra said: "There is no such word as retirement in his dictionary. He will continue to strengthen the party."

Speaking about the Opposition, Mr. Yediyurappa said: "Two people from Karnataka are going around claiming that they would become next Chief Minister. But only someone from BJP will be the next Chief Minister."

Price of houses built under govt. scheme slashed by ₹1L

Two-bedroom house constructed under Chief Minister's housing scheme will now be ₹14 lakh

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The State Cabinet on Friday slashed the price of two-bedroom houses constructed under the Chief Minister's One Lakh Multistoried Housing Scheme from ₹15 lakh to ₹14 lakh.

During a State Cabinet meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, it was decided not to give subsidy for two-bedroom housing. Subsidy for one-bedroom housing would be continued.

Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs J.C. Madhuswamy said that the two-bedroom houses would be given at their construction cost. There was a demand for 6 lakh two-bedroom houses. It was proposed that 20,000 houses be constructed under the scheme in 2022-23.

For school shoes

The Cabinet approved ₹132 crore for the purchase of a pair of shoes and three pairs of socks for schoolchildren. One pair of black and two pairs of white socks will be distributed to government schoolchildren from Classes I to X.

The government had come under fire over the delay in deciding on this. Over 50 lakh students are studying in State government schools.

It was also decided that the government would provide guarantee to raise ₹200 crore each for the Agriculture Department and Karnataka State Seed Corporation Ltd. for stock of fertilizers and seeds, respectively, the Minister said.

Mysuru airport to be named after Krishnaraja Wadiyar

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Cabinet on Friday decided to name the Mysuru airport after Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, who ruled from 1894 to 1940.

He was known for his administrative reforms and achievements in several fields. During his period, several irrigation projects, including the Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS), educational institutions, and industries were established.

The Cabinet approved acquisition of 240 acres for upgradation of the airport and the land would be handed over to the Airports Authority of India.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

Child Development project Office, Women And Child Welfare Department, Mysore rural, Mysuru District invites Tender from interested agencies for the following service.

Name of the Service: Providing Eggs with transportation and GST for Anganawadi Beneficiaries of Child Development project Mysuru Rural, Mysuru District.

Amount Put to Tender: 1,47,05,856/-, EMD: 2,20,588/-.

Last date & time for receipt of tender is **19.08.2022 upto 5:00 pm.** Further details can be obtained by logging into e-portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **20.07.2022 at 5.30 pm onwards.**

Sd/- Child Development Project Officer,
Mysore rural, Mysuru.

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O.S. No. 14/2021

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Nallagondla Venkatalakshmamma Defendant

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Nallagondla Venkata Lakshmamma
Wife of Malakondaiah,425, 12th Cross, Jayamahal,Sadasiva Nagar, Bangalore North,Bangalore City, Karnataka State

Whereas the plaintiff filed suit against you in the above court and you are hereby summoned to appear in the court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and answer on 06th day of September, 2022 at 10-30 AM and directed to produce the documents upon which you intended to rely in support of your defense.
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Sd/- Director
Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences, Belagavi.

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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

M.SUNDARAM (85) Retired Supervisor, Advt Press, The Hindu, Chennai passed away on 22-07-2022.Address: 15, Ragava Nagar First Main Road, Hasthinapuram, Chromepet,Chennai 600044.Contact: 9901949013

DEATH

With deep sorrow we inform you the
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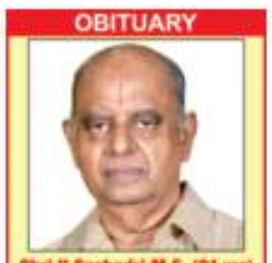

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DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

In Loving Memory

Mr. CV Srinivasan (83)
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passed away suddenly and peacefully in Chennai during the evening of July 21st.
He leaves behind his wife, Jayalakshmi, daughter Dhenga, son Srinath, son-in-law Vikram, and two granddaughters, Spatika & Anahita.
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HC orders CBI probe into charges against T.N. ex-IGP

It was Subash Kapoor who was the kingpin in theft of 13 idols: Reports

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Shocked by two former officers of Idol Wing-Criminal Investigation Department (IW-CID) trading charges of misfeasance and malfeasance against each other, while investigating idol theft cases, the Madras High Court on Friday ordered a CBI probe to find out who of the two was speaking the truth.

Justice G. Jayachandran passed the order while allowing a petition filed by former Deputy Superintendent of Police I. Kader Batcha, who was not allowed to retire from service due to charges of having a tacit understanding with idol thieves. The petitioner had accused retired Inspector General of Police (IGP) A.G. Ponn Manickavel of having helped international idol smuggler Subash Chandra Kapoor and his local agent Deenadayalan.

Service records

The judge pointed out that the service records of the petitioner disclose he was transferred to IW-CID in 2007. Thereafter, in 2011, he was transferred to Chennai police. During his tenure in the IW-CID, he had received several commendation certificates for having recovered over 38 idols and securing eight notorious smugglers.

His records further revealed he had received 329 awards from the police department for his notable work. On the other hand, Mr. Manickavel's services had been commended by a Division Bench of the Madras High Court and by a single judge at its Madurai Bench. "This court is not sure whether the materials now placed were available before the judges who made the observations about four years ago," Justice Jayachandran wrote.

In the present case, the petitioner had alleged Mr. Manickavel had falsely implicated him in a 2005 case regarding theft of 13 idols from the Narambunathar Sivan Temple at Palavoor in Tirunelveli by including him as an accused in the case, besides registering a fresh First Information Report (FIR) in 2017. According to the petitioner, he had, in 2008, filed a charge sheet against eight accused, including Deenadayalan in the Palavoor case.

He claimed after taking over as court-appointed special officer to investigate all idol theft cases in the State, Mr. Manickavel, to gain the lens of the media and in collusion with Deenadayalan, began foisting false cases against officials to quench his bureaucratic vengeance. He pointed out that Deenadayalan of Aparna Art Gallery in Chennai was declared approver and granted pardon at the instance of Mr. Manickavel. According to two additional final reports filed by Mr. Manickavel in the 2005 Palavoor case, it was Subash Kapoor who was the kingpin in the theft of 13 idols from Palavoor. In one of the two additional reports filed in 2017, he had assured the court that every effort would be taken to subject Kapoor to trial in that case.

Relief for Yediyurappa as top court stays HC order

The case dates back to 2006-07

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
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The Supreme Court on Friday stayed a Karnataka High Court order refusing to quash corruption charges against former Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in an illegal land de-notification case dating back to 2006-07.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana, while issuing notice to the State of Karnataka, froze the implementation of the December 2020 order of the High Court in the case concerning the illegal de-notification of large tracts of land in Whitefield IT Corridor acquired for an infotech-related project in 2006-07. Mr. Yediyurappa was the Deputy Chief Minister then in the BJP-JD(S) coalition government headed by H. D. Kumaraswamy.

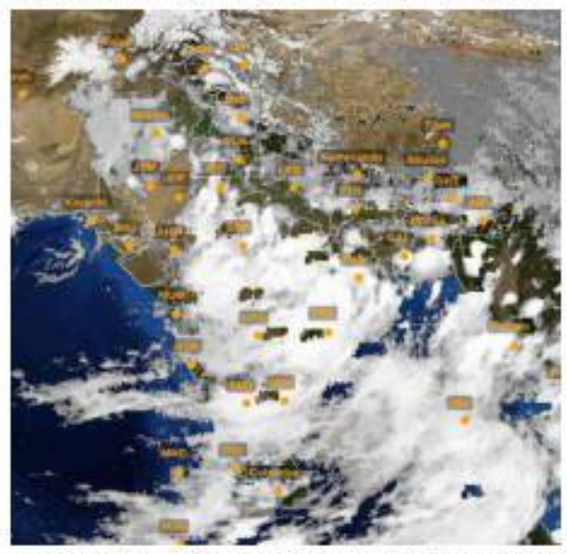
In 2020, the Karnataka High Court, while dismissing the plea to quash criminal proceedings, had slammed the Lokayukta police for not completing the probe in five years.

The High Court had directed the Lokayukta court to monitor the investigation ordered by the courts with regard to the misconduct of MPs, MLAs involved in criminal offences.

In its order, the High Court noted that it cannot be said the Lokayukta police had succumbed to pressure from Mr. Yediyurappa. However, it had added that the Lokayukta, being an independent and impartial body entrusted with the duty to inquire into the misconduct of public servants objectively, cannot afford to give rise to an impression in the minds of public that it was playing into the hands of the political bigwigs.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Assam, Mizoram, Odisha, Telangana, Konkan & Goa, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Chandigarh, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Yanam, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.5	35.8	27.1	Kozhikode	–	30.6	25.0
Ahmedabad	1	33.5	26.2	Kurnool	1	28.9	26.0
Aizawl	28	27.8	21.8	Lucknow	54	31.2	26.2
Allahabad	–	34.3	27.2	Madurai	21	36.4	23.5
Bengaluru	–	26.3	21.1	Mangaluru	5.6	29.1	23.8
Bhopal	8	26.3	24.0	Mumbai	3	30.5	26.0
Bhubaneswar	0.2	30.2	26.1	Mysuru	–	34.4	21.0
Chandigarh	43	33.6	27.4	New Delhi	0.3	34.0	27.0
Chennai	9	32.9	24.7	Patna	3	34.0	27.4
Coimbatore	5	30.6	23.6	Port Blair	1	30.1	25.8
Dehradun	18	32.5	23.5	Puducherry	102	34.0	22.2
Gangtok	0.4	21.1	17.9	Pune	3.6	28.3	21.8
Goa	0.3	30.5	25.0	Raipur	–	32.6	25.8
Guwahati	0.5	35.0	26.5	Ranchi	38	31.6	23.9
Hubballi	–	28.0	21.0	Shillong	0.6	26.1	18.9
Hyderabad	1	27.0	23.9	Shimla	0.8	24.9	20.3
Imphal	4	30.2	22.0	Srinagar	–	31.6	21.9
Jaipur	0.2	33.0	26.4	Thiruvananthapuram	0.6	29.2	24.7
Kochi	1.4	29.2	25.6	Tiruchi	72	34.9	23.0
Kohima	0.6	28.0	17.5	Vijayawada	3	30.4	24.2
Kolkata	–	35.0	27.7	Visakhapatnam	1	30.8	27.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO2	NO2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	60	31	.35	45	92	
Bengaluru	7	30	.63	44	132	
Chennai	12	33	.43	42	37	
Delhi	7	–	150	203	143	
Hyderabad	19	35	.24	64	83	
Kolkata	13	12	.15	42	85	
Lucknow	8	107	.63	52	55	
Mumbai	25	3	111	20	66	
Pune	–	–	–	–	–	–
Visakhapatnam	15	49	.29	65	106	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bihar Sharif, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 251 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Gangtok, Sikkim recorded a healthy AQI score of 14

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

'Not enough questions on climate change in Indian Parliament'

Only 895 unique questions related to climate change were raised, forming only a fraction of total questions asked in Parliament between 1999 and 2019

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Climate change is here, but are we talking enough about it? More importantly, are our lawmakers? "Climate change: the missing discourse in the Indian Parliament," a study over a 20-year period from 1999 to 2019, found the answer, and it is not good news.

The study, by Seema Mundoli, Zubin Jacob, Ranjini Murali and Harini Nagendra Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, and The Snow Leopard Trust, Seattle, USA, was published in *Environmental Research - Climate*. It looked at Parliamentary questions (PQs) as a "crucial oversight tool" available to parliamentarians in all democracies.

"In a well-functioning democracy, parliamentary oversight can play an important role in climate change policy, ensuring that climate concerns are represented in national agendas. India is the largest democracy in the world and one of the countries most vulnerable to climate change," says the study.

The researchers asked four questions for the two-decade period: How often are PQs raised about climate change? Are vulnerable constituency interests being represented in the Parliament? What kinds of questions do parliamentarians ask? Where do parliamentarians get their information on climate change from?

Raising the level of parliamentary debate on climate change is critical and must be foregrounded, say researchers. • FILE PHOTO

What they found was 895 unique PQs related to climate change were raised by 1,019 Ministers, forming only a fraction of the total PQs asked in Parliament during this period. "PQs were not raised by the states most vulnerable to climate change, nor did they represent the concerns of socially vulnerable groups. The PQs were mostly concerned about the impacts (27.6%) and mitigation (23.4%) of climate change. Impacts on agriculture (38.3%), coastal changes (28.6%), and health (13.4%) were of main interest, along with mitigation issues related to energy (43.6%), agriculture (21.8%), and aviation (9.1%)," said the study.

Despite the significant and growing vulnerability of India to climate change, PQs related to climate change were largely missing, it points out.

"Although they have increased over time, we still find there is substantial room for growth, especially in critical areas of climate justice and adaptation relevant to the Indian context. Raising the level of parliamentary debate on climate change is critical and needs to be foregrounded," said the researchers, adding, "We find that the number of PQs on climate issues have increased over time, but there is substantial scope for future growth, especially in critical areas of climate justice, and climate adaptation. Media can potentially play a major influential role in this regard, and this aspect needs to be further explored in future climate policy research."

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The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority - Karnataka (Constituted by Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) Government of India), has accorded the Expansion and Modification Environmental Clearance for "Embassy Springs" Mixed Use Development Comprising of Plotted development, High-rise apartment, Lakeside apartment, Group Housing, Senior Living, Future Development, High-rise apartment, School and Club house on the property bearing several survey numbers in Hegganahalli and Nagamangala Village of Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District And Navarathna Agrahara Village of Jala Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, being developed by M/s. Nam Estates Private Limited, vide order No. SEIAA 70 CON 2021 Dated 19.07.2022. The said copy of environment clearance is available with the SEIAA office and the website of MOEFCC/SEIAAat https://parivesh.nic.in

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E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

2022-23 The Child Development Project Office, Gubbi Taluk, Tumkur District, Department of women and Child Development. Government of Karnataka (parchaser) Invitese tender for eligible tenders who are registered in the E-Procurement Portal by using ID and Digital Singnature for the supply of Eggs to ICDS Project, (464 Anganwadi Centers) Gubbi Taluk in Tumkur District as details given below. Tender Published Date : **15.07.2022**. Last Date and Time for receipt of tenders : **16.08.2022.** Tender number : cdpo/gu/egg.tender-1/2022-23 Date : 15.07.2022 . Web Site Address :www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-Child Development Project Officer, Gubbi.

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Dated: 14.07.2022

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION
INVITATION FOR PERCENTAGE TENDERS

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL IBC O&M.Division No.8, Zalaki, Tq: Indi , invites the percentage e-tender from Class-I and above contractors registered in KPWD for the works of (1) Improvements to Ayacut Road From Ahirsang to Bhairunagi in Indi Tq [I.No.20294Call-2] Amounting to Rs: **391.43** Lakhs programmed for the year 2021-22 . The tenderers are required to submit their tenders in **Two cover sytem** containing details of EMD of Rs: 5.87 Lakhs and the particulars under instructions to the tenderers vide clause 1.1 and financial details of tender as per clauses 1.20.

- (The blank tenders can be obtained through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and can be submitted through electronic tender box).
- The Contractor can have access to e-tender documents from **10.08.2022 to 16.08.2022** up to 4.30 PM
- Submission of completed e-tender document will be upto **16.08.2022** upto 4.30 PM
- The Prospective Bidders should attend the Pre-Bid Meeting @ Executive Engineer's office Zalaki on **12.08.2022** @ 11.00 AM
- Opening of e-tender bids i.e, **Cover –I (Technical bid)** will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL. IBC. O&M. Divn.No.8 Zalaki on **18.08.2022 at 11.00** AM. In respect of bidders whose e-EMD has been confirmed on the e-tendering platform.
- **Cover–II (Financial bid)** of qualified bidder will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL. IBC. O&M. Divn. No.8 Zalaki on **20.08.2022** at 11.00 AM.
- Further any information can be had from the undersigned during office hours Ph.08422-282227.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,KBJNL, IBC O&M Division-8, Zalaki.
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Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Mandya
EE/PRED/MDY/NIT/AE-1/2022-23
Dated:20.07.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION: 04/2022-23

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Date: 20.07.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of The Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Koppal, invites item rates tender through e-procurement in one & two cover systems, Standard Bid Document KW-1,2,3 & 4 under head of account 2021-22 & 2022-23 —5054 Honorable Chief Ministers special grant of Gangavathi & Yeburga taluks of Koppal district PWD and PRE Department from eligible registered contractors. This scheme is fully funded by the Government of Karnataka tender date as follows. For more information contact above the office. Eligible contractors participate online by entering into eprocurement portal. http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

General instructions :- 1.Contractors participate in all tenders online only. 2.Pre-qualification documents should be uploaded by scanning all certificates & other concerned documents online only. 3.Pre-requisite EMD have to be pay online as per mentioned in eproc-portal.

For more information, contractors need to consult to below signed official, officer, or call No. 08539-220845 or else contractors may get the information by going through eprocurement portal. http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in. This notified works can be downloaded in eprocurement portal from dated 21.07.2022

Tender Processing Fees: As per E-Procurement. **Download of Schedule-B in Eproc Portal:** From 21.07.2022, time after 10.00 AM upto 11.08.2022 time 16.00 Hours. **Tender Receipt last dates:** From 21.07.2022 ,time 11.00 AM upto 11.08.2022 Time 16.30 hrs. **Technical Bid open date and time (Both Technical & Financial bids are opened as same date for KW 1 & KW 2 ,KW-3 works):** 12.08.2022 in office hours. **Financial Bid open date and time:** For KW 4 After getting Technical approval from competent authority, bid will be opened

Sd/-Executive Engineer, PRE Division Koppal.
DIPR/Koppal/252/MCA/2022-23

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Currency caution

The rupee might still be overvalued despite the recent slump

The Indian rupee is experiencing its worst slump in four years. Since the start of 2022, the currency has depreciated by more than 7% against the U.S. dollar, weakening past a historic low of 80 to a dollar mark earlier this week. While the Indian currency is not alone in faring poorly against the greenback, with even the historically strong euro and the British pound taking a hammering and weakening by more than the rupee has, the fact that other currencies too have appreciably lost value against the dollar can only offer cold comfort to India's real economy. Domestic manufacturers and services providers are now having to cope with not just higher dollar prices for the raw materials, equipment or other supplies they may need to procure from overseas, in the wake of the supply disruptions caused by the pandemic and the war in Ukraine, but they also face mounting import bills – the slide means they have to fork out more rupees for the same dollar price from even just a few months ago. The Finance Minister and the RBI Governor have sought to explain the proximate causes for the pressure on the currency and allay apprehensions that the rupee may be in a 'free fall', a scenario that could ultimately prove rather damaging for macro-economic stability by spurring imported inflation at a time when both fiscal and monetary authorities are battling to tame runaway inflation.

While the Minister's statement in the Lok Sabha cited factors including the Russia-Ukraine conflict and soaring crude oil prices as major drivers of the rupee's depreciation, Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday acknowledged concerns about the rupee and pointed to the fact that foreign portfolio investors were "selling off assets and fleeing to safe haven" in the wake of global monetary policy tightening. So far in 2022, FPIs have dumped $29.6 billion in Indian equity and debt after three straight years of net investments, with the prospect of more, sharp interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve to tame four-decade-high U.S. inflation likely to do little to staunch the outflows. The dollar index, a measure of the greenback's value against a basket of six major currencies, too offers little reassurance to the rupee. The index is just shy of a 20-year high hit last month indicating that investors are betting strongly on dollar-backed assets. The rupee's real effective exchange rate (REER), which provides a weighted average value in relation to a basket of currencies of its major trading partners, is also signalling that the Indian currency is still overvalued and has room to depreciate further. Notwithstanding Mr. Das's assertion that India's underlying fundamentals 'are strong and resilient' with foreign exchange reserves 'adequate', the RBI will need to judiciously utilise every dollar in its war chest to ensure that a likely slowdown in exports and sticky imports do not add more undue pressure on the rupee.

Union of the sanctioned

Putin is betting on Iran to expand Russian influence in the region

It was hardly a surprise that Russian President Vladimir Putin chose Iran, another country at the receiving end of western sanctions, for his first visit outside the former Soviet sphere since Russia's February 24 invasion of Ukraine. Russia and Iran, brought together by their opposition toward the West, already have a strategic partnership in place and have worked together in places such as Syria. But despite this cooperation, tensions have also existed where Russia has remained the big brother. But the war and the subsequent western sanctions on Russia have added a new dimension to the partnership. Hours before Mr. Putin landed in Tehran, the countries signed a $40 billion energy memorandum of understanding where Russia's Gazprom would work with the National Iranian Oil Company in developing energy fields and building LNG projects and pipelines. Last week, the U.S. had claimed that Russia was also seeking armed drones from Iran to deploy in Ukraine. So, Russia, battered by sanctions and rattled by the slow progress of its war, is seeking to build a coalition of the sanctioned by deepening an economic, defence and strategic partnership with Iran. And in Tehran, Mr. Putin has found a receptive audience.

In Tehran, Mr. Putin also met Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan to discuss the Syrian civil war and a United Nations proposal to allow grain exports from Ukrainian ports via the Black Sea. The trilateral summit, at a time when the West seeks to isolate and punish Mr. Putin, shows the complex geopolitical moves at play in West Asia. Turkey, a NATO member, has condemned the Russian war and supplied Ukraine with drones, but refused to join the western sanctions against Moscow. Turkey and Russia, which back rival factions in Syria's civil war but have entered into an entente, need each other to protect their interests in Syria. Iran, whose bet on the 2015 nuclear deal backfired after the U.S. unilaterally pulled itself out of the agreement in 2018, has been keen on building stronger strategic and economic ties with China and Russia. As the nuclear talks resumed by the Biden administration have reached an impasse, Iran's Ayatollahs would naturally prefer a stronger partnership with Russia. This explains the complex trilateral dynamics of the Tehran summit. The visit has also highlighted the importance of West Asia in the time of great power rivalries. Mr. Putin's visit came just days after U.S. President Joe Biden wrapped up his Saudi-Israel tour. Mr. Biden warned America's traditional allies against Russia, China and Iran gaining greater influence in the region. And days later, the Russian leader was in the Iranian capital. While Mr. Biden seeks to build a united front of American allies in West Asia against Iran and Russia, Mr. Putin is betting on Iran to expand the Russian influence in the region in these difficult times.

The Dravidian movement and Aryan illusions

The gubernatorial remarks on Aryan-Dravidian differences can only be described as a case of historical negationism

MANURAJ SHUNMUGASUNDARAM

The remarks that the Governor of Tamil Nadu, R.N. Ravi, made last week, on Aryan-Dravidian differences being geographical and not racial, offer remarkable insights into the contemporary political state-of-affairs. In stark contrast to other Governors in non-Bharatiya Janata Party-ruled States, Mr. Ravi has walked into the ideological thicket. The linkages Tamil Nadu has to the Dravidian political ideology are inalienable and the remarks made by Mr. Ravi must be viewed with some concern. While such interventions by unelected Governors in non-BJP ruled States have become par for the course, it is imperative to look closely into the merits and veracity of the claims raised by Mr. Ravi, for these go to revising the well-established idea of India itself.

Linguistics and race

The statements made by the Governor, initially at a function to commemorate the Vellore Sepoy Mutiny and then repeated at a function at Madurai Kamaraj University, can only be described as historical negationism. In the past, various leaders have strongly contested the Aryan Migration theory and have attributed the emergence and the evolution of the Aryan-Dravidian distinction to the British. By wading into this hotly contested ideological battle, Mr. Ravi has attempted to shake up the political discourse in Tamil Nadu.

What is notable, however, is that Mr. Ravi is not the first to make such claims. In fact, in his book, *Bunch of Thoughts*, the second chief of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, M.S. Golwalkar, viewed the Aryan-Dravidian distinction as a territorial denomination. By doing so, Golwalkar attempted to position Aryans as natives of the Indian subcontinent in the 'Out of India Theory' – which has now been widely discredited by academics. Nevertheless, the issues raised by Golwalkar, and now Mr. Ravi, must be taken seriously not because they are backed by academic rigour but because they challenge the idea of India itself. The Indian subcontinent boasts of a rich and diverse history involving multi-ethnic origins, and this has been established by in-depth scholarship on linguistics, mythology, folklore and anthropology, archaeology, geology, big-history and genetics. It was based on these academic pursuits that linguistic studies have established the uniqueness of the Dravidian language family (Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Tulu, Tamil and so on).

Robert Caldwell, in his seminal work, *A Comparative Grammar of the Dravidian or South-Indian Family of Languages* (published in 1856), has offered empirical evidence of the non-Sanskrit origins of Dravidian languages. The breakthrough in understanding linguistics was not an isolated event. It was accompanied by the emergence of a Tamil Renaissance movement that enabled a culture of political consciousness founded upon rationalism and spurred by social justice. Ideologues such as Ayotheethasa Pandithar, Manonmaniam Sundaram Pillai and M.S. Purnalingam Pillai as well as latter

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day 'Justice Party' leaders such as Dr. T.M. Nair, P. Theagaraya Chetty and Dr. C. Natesa Mudaliar championed the socio-political call for the emancipation of non-Brahmins. As such, these circumstances collectively seeded the idea of what was to become the Dravidian Movement – that took shape formally on November 20, 1916 at a meeting in Victoria Public Hall in then Madras city. In the book, *Pre-Aryan Tamil Culture* (published in 1985), P.T. Srinivasa Aiyangar establishes the existence of Dravidian culture using Sangam-era literature.

Archaeological evidence

The existence of a unique, pre-Aryan populace with a distinct cultural heritage and evolved literary traits has been fortified by archaeological evidence collected from the discovery of Harappa and Mohenjo-daro in the early 1920s, and further substantiated by the ongoing Keezhadi excavations in Tamil Nadu. With modern day advancements in handling fragile biodegradable material from excavation sites and also high-throughput genomic sequencing, we now understand how the Indian subcontinent was populated through waves of migration.

These studies confirm the historical facts that have seeped into common understanding in Tamil Nadu over the course of the century-old Dravidian Movement. In 2018, the paper titled 'The Genomic Formation of South and Central Asia' (co-authored by 92 scientists across a range of disciplines), further confirmed that Aryan migration into the subcontinent between 2000 BCE and 1000 BCE. Published scientific work that followed also established that the Harappans of the Indus Valley Civilisation created an agricultural revolution in the subcontinent and narrowed the period of Aryan migration to 2000 BCE and 1500 BCE.

A theory debunked

Recent scientific findings have conclusively debunked the 'Out of India Theory', which is part of the larger narrative suggesting that Dravidians and Aryans are ethnically similar but geographically divided. This has posed serious problems to the supporters of Golwalkar who have recently set out to discover the lost, mystic river Saraswati and to repackage the Indus Valley Civilization as the 'Saraswati Civilization' without taking into account research which suggests that the language of Harappans could have been Dravidian/Proto-Dravidian. As such, C.N. Annadurai (Anna), a stalwart of the Dravidian Movement and a former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, had anticipated such baseless positioning in his book, *Arya Mayai* (Aryan Illusion).

Anna, building on Periyar E.V. Ramasami's teachings, structured a socio-political discourse against superstitions, false beliefs and fake histories. Dravidian leaders including Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi supplemented their social policies with academic rigour, scientific temper and rational thinking – these became the benchmark of Dravidian politics. Even when political differences cropped up between the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam and the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, its leaders did not make compromises on their steadfast beliefs in the core values of the Dravidian Movement and their opposition to caste-based social structures.

The 'Dravidian model'

Therefore, it is not surprising that the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, M.K. Stalin, has championed the cause of state interventions to root out inequalities and to create a fair ecosystem for everyone to thrive; he has called this the 'Dravidian Model'. It is also a fact that the Chief Minister presented a book, titled *Dravidian Model*, to the Governor. This book, authored by economists Kalaiyarasan A. and Vijayabaskar M., provides a detailed, empirical interpretation of the modern-day political economy of Tamil Nadu.

In the remainder of his tenure in Tamil Nadu, Mr. Ravi may come across various such books, in addition to those cited here, that record meticulous evidence on how languages of India were shaped by waves of migration; and how streams of social movements took birth to speak emancipatory ideologies in different languages to make India a multi-source civilisation. Any other theory that the Governor may encounter needs to be viewed with suspicion in the face of overwhelming evidence supporting the migration of Indo-European speakers, who were called Aryans, to India almost 4,000 years ago.

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Despite pressures, the rupee's remarkable resilience

Even as the rupee has fallen sharply against the dollar, the depreciation has been relatively lower unlike previous times

CHANDRAJIT BANERJEE

The Indian rupee has depreciated by around 7% against the U.S. dollar, since the start of the year, in response to various domestic and global factors. Specifically, a widening current account deficit, persistent risk-off sentiment as a result of geopolitical tensions, 'a strengthening dollar index, and continuous sell-off by foreign portfolio investors have all put pressure on the rupee'.

Safe-haven demand

It must be noted that the dollar has strengthened against all currencies, developed or emerging. The runaway inflation levels since last year, which have seen consumer price index (CPI) inflation in the United States reaching a multi-decade high of 9.1% in June 2022, have prompted the reversal in the monetary policy stance of the US Federal Reserve. With inflation rising unabated, the Fed is widely expected to continue raising interest rates. Unsurprisingly, the rate hiking cycle by the US Federal Reserve has precipitated the dollar's appreciation which has led the dollar index to strengthen by over 11% in 2022 so far, taking it to a 20-year high.

As a result of higher risk-free returns being available in the U.S., there have been persistent outflows of foreign portfolio capital since October 2021, which, on a cumulative basis, stands at $30 billion this year. This has intensified the downward pressure on the rupee. The safe-haven demand for the dollar amid geopolitical risks has bolstered the dollar index.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has stepped in to arrest a large depreciation in the currency, with interventions in the spot and forward foreign exchange markets. Consequently, India's foreign exchange reserves have moderated by almost $55 billion from a high of $635 billion seen this year. Elevated global crude oil prices have impinged on India's oil import bill, in turn widening the trade deficit, thus increasing the demand for U.S. dollars, and affecting forex reserves further.

Notably, even as the rupee has fallen sharply against the dollar, the depreciation has been relatively lower compared with past crises such as the global financial crisis of 2008 (the rupee had weakened by over 20% between December 2007-June 2009) and the Taper Tantrum of 2013 (for seven months from the start of the crisis in May 2013, the rupee had depreciated by over 11%). Much of this is attributed to the lowering of India's external vulnerability measured in terms of a relatively high import cover and low short-term external debt. During the Taper

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Tantrum, India's import cover stood at over seven months as compared to around 12 months in the current period.

Effects of a weak rupee

The implications of a weak rupee on the economy are multi-fold. Among the benefits is the premise that the rupee's weakening should aid exporters in becoming more competitive. However, the concomitant depreciation of currencies of some of India's competitors such as South Korea, Malaysia and Bangladesh against the dollar, alongwith a high import intensity of some of its key export segments (petroleum, gems and jewellery and electronics), is likely to have blunted the ameliorative impact on India's exports. Slower global demand is expected to affect outbound shipments as well.

On the flip side, a weaker rupee is driving up prices of key import commodities such as coal, oil, edible oil, gold, thus impacting the imported component of inflation. The unhedged component of corporate debt denominated in dollars is also likely to bear the brunt of a weaker rupee.

Most importantly, a continuously sliding exchange rate discourages foreign investors from making fresh investments, which keep losing value in dollar terms. For this reason, it is ideal to provide confidence to investors by arresting a continuous slide in the exchange rate. Of course, any target should be avoided, as global forces remain fluid and market forces should be allowed to play.

The RBI's measures

Apart from intervening in the forex market to arrest the fall in the rupee's value, the RBI announced a slew of measures recently to liberalise foreign inflows into the country and make them more attractive.

Measures such as promoting trade settlements between India and other countries in rupee terms, offering higher interest rates on fresh Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) and Non-Resident External deposits, a widening of investible universe of government and corporate debt, a relaxation of the interest rate and amount ceiling for External Commercial Borrowing loans, among others, have contributed to arresting the rupee's slide against the greenback.

Some other measures could be considered if the slide in the currency continues unabated. The Government could encourage some of the large market cap companies (private and public sectors) to be included in the major global indices such as MSCI and FTSE. This will help increase the weight of Indian equities in these indices, compensating for foreign portfolio outflows to some extent as investors are unlikely to be underweight on India.

The Government could also expedite India's entry into bond indices such as J.P. Morgan's Emerging-Market Bond Index and Barclays Global Bond Index. This will not only lead to forex inflows but also have a benign impact on interest rates. Such measures will keep the forex war chest of the RBI at a comfortable level, providing the central bank the requisite ammunition in case there is further weakness. Of course, any excessive capital inflow leading to an appreciation of the currency should also be avoided.

Overall, even as the rupee is expected to remain under pressure in the near term because of global uncertainty, high commodity prices and rising U.S. interest rates, mitigating measures have to be taken to partly arrest the slide. The maintenance of the U.S.-India interest rate differential along with timely forex market interventions by the central bank to manage volatility will prove to be salutary in preserving the rupee value against the greenback.

Chandrajit Banerjee is Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

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Madam President

It should be a matter of great pride and satisfaction that Droupadi Murmu, an unassuming lady who has worked hard, is now the President-elect of the Indian Republic. Her record as the Jharkhand Governor should reassure us that she may not be a mere "rubber stamp" President. Her firm stand in the context of the contentious amendments to the Chhotanagpur Tenancy Act 1908 and the Santhal Pargana Tenancy Act, 1949, was what helped her become known as the "people's Governor".

S.K. CHOUDHURY,
Bengaluru

■ The story of Ms. Murmu should inspire the women of India as she has endured many a setback in her journey. As far as her presidency is concerned, one hopes that she is able to make the executive aware of the fact that a chunk of tribal population exists on the margins, and where there are many attempts to encroach upon their rights. It is hoped that her tenure will be marked by substance. The women's reservation Bill should come to life now. .

G. RAMASUBRAMANYAM,
Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

■ This is also a moment of political triumph for the ruling party. But Ms. Murmu's win should not be used by this party as a signal to invigorate politics by gauging the political aspirations of marginalised communities and then using this to fulfil its [the party's] 'particular politics'. India's tribal communities, the marginalised, and those who have slipped through the cracks in socio-economic development and prosperity for decades on end are pinning their hopes on the new President, who they believe might be able to further their progress in an unequivocal manner. Whether the ruling party will gain from this is yet to be seen.

PADMANABHA SOORYANARAYANA,
Kochi, Kerala

■ Despite the political overtones, the election of a tribal woman to the post of President should inspire tribals and make governance more inclusive. Ms. Murmu's stint as the Jharkhand Governor showed that she was genuinely concerned about people's rights, especially those of the forest dwellers. At a time when doubts are raised about an office-bearer's objectivity, Ms. Murmu could herald a new chapter and lead the way.

TRILOK SINGH,
Dholana, Rajasthan

■ The ruling party played the tribal card to its advantage, as the cross-voting by some MPs and MLAs in the Opposition reveals. The President-elect must carve a niche for herself in the Indian polity. The nation looks forward to her eventful tenure.

MANICKAM RAVINDRAN,
Chennai

■ The election of Droupadi Murmu as the 15th President of India demonstrates the power of democracy.
All political leaders who, and groups that, helped in the election of Ms. Murmu deserve to be complimented for supporting her candidature.
As a person serving in the tribal areas of the North-east, I recognise the need for a new momentum so that Adivasis get their dues.

RETTAVAYAL S. KRISHNASWAMY,
Dharmanagar, Tripura

■ The problems that indigenous communities in India experience will not be solved just by electing a President who hails from one of those communities. The Government needs to recognise and approach tribal issues with utmost sincerity and consistency in policy.

JOHN P. BASILE,
Puducherry

Congress, ED summons

The manner in which the Congress Party has reacted to the summons issued by the Enforcement Directorate to Congress president Sonia Gandhi is shameful. The Gandhis are as much subject to the laws of the country as other citizens are, and are duty-bound to give appropriate replies to questions raised by government authorities.

V. RAKESH KAUSHIK,
Coimbatore

Opposition 'unity'

The decision by the Trinamool Congress not to "vote in [the] V-P poll" (Page 12, July 22), may be reversed, but the reaction only highlights the much limited 'shelf life' for 'Opposition unity' in India. Perhaps, the 'stated reasons' and 'unstated concerns' might have helped the party to arrive at this decision. However, the Opposition should have developed a robust mechanism to resolve its differences behind closed doors. If this setback is any indication, the Opposition needs to realise that it will be tough facing the ruling regime in 2024. It should not fall into a 'wishful trap' – that people will reject the ruling party automatically for its shortcomings.

A. VENKATASUBRAMANIAN,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

Being Sarna: a fight to define tribal identity

As demands for a Sarna religious code in Census 2021 grow in Jharkhand, RSS-backed outfits are busy trying to convince the tribal people that they are Hindus. **Abhinay Lakshman** reports on the efforts of Sarna outfits to resist Hindu organisations and Christian missionaries alike, and define their identity through their religion

From the capital, Ranchi, to the highways branching out into the forested villages where most of Jharkhand's tribal population lives, flags asserting a religious identity can be found fluttering nearly everywhere. Along highways, wherever there is a red-and-white striped flag, the marker of the Sarna tribal religion, there is also a saffron one with Hindu gods planted next to it – each vying to establish its dominance over the other.

As the demand for a separate Sarna religious code in Census 2021 gathers steam in the State, there is tension in tribal-dominated villages. On the one hand, Hindu groups backed by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) are leading efforts to "develop" tribal villages by making them aware of "their cultural and traditional roots". On the other, tribal activists led by outfits such as the Kendriya Sarna Samiti (KSS) are resisting these efforts saying the Hindu groups have taken a page out of the playbook of Christian missionaries to subsume their distinctive culture and identity under the umbrella of Hinduism by "brainwashing" the poorest tribal people.

"Christian missionaries first started converting poor tribal communities with the promise of an English education, jobs and hospitals. Now, Hindu groups are using the same methods to do something more malicious: changing the very nature of what tribal people believe Sarnaism to be and how it should be practised," said Handu Bhagat, a KSS activist in Gumla district, which has the highest proportion of the Scheduled Tribe (ST) population in the State.

He explained that groups like the Vanvasi Kalyan Kendra (VKK), which is backed by the RSS, start by visiting people in the remotest tribal villages every day and building connections with them. The "indoctrination" begins with the promise of elementary schools, pucca homes for villagers, and roads and electricity for the village, he said.

"The more time they spend with the villagers, the more they try to convince them that the basic principles of Sarnaism and Hinduism are the same even though our practices are distinctively different from any other religion," said Bandhan Tigga, who is known as a Sarna "Dharmguru" among the tribal people, at his ashram in Murma.

Tigga, who was among the pioneers of the movement for the Constitutional recognition of the Sarna religion in Jharkhand, explained that while Hindus worship different gods believing them to be a manifestation of nature, tribal people worship nature or what they call 'Maa Sarna'.

"We do not have any concept of idol worship; our practices follow natural laws and are not codified ones that you see in other religions. Most importantly, we have always resisted the onslaught of any other religion. So, how is it that someone can come and claim Sarnaism as a part of Hinduism," Tigga asked.

And once this "ideological encroachment" takes hold, he said, the physical encroachment begins, starting with establishing Hindu temples at Sarna places of worship and culminating in the erasure of traditional tribal rituals and practices.

Balram Rautia, a Sarna priest of Tin Tangar village, near the grotto built by a church atop the hillock where the tribal people practised Sarna worship. As a result, the Sarna believers were forced to go a few metres downhill to worship, but only under the strict supervision of the police and once a year during the Sarhul festival. (Below): The Hanuman temple (on the left) being constructed with funds collected by the Vanvasi Kalyan Kendra, an RSS-backed group, opposite a government primary school in the middle of Sugakatta village in Jharkhand's Gumla district. • ABHINAY LAKSHMAN

A village in transition

In Sugakatta village of Gumla district, these efforts of the VKK are near-complete. Located just below the forested hills near the Sikoi Panchayat area, Sugakatta is dominated by the Nagesia tribe, also known as Kisan, a notified ST. For as long as 60-year-old Birju Nagesia, the village *pramukh*, can remember, the people have worshipped at the Sarna *sthal* (a patch of land with a sacred grove of Sal trees) uphill in Sikoi, where locals from nearby villages also gathered. But now, after over a decade of the VKK's active presence in their village, when asked which religion he would identify as, Birju Nagesia, like most other villagers, stole a glance at the local VKK functionary before saying, "Hindu, of course."

"What is Sarna and what is Hinduism? We believe we are descendants of Lord Shiva and we worship nature, as do Hindus. So, I don't see Hinduism as a different religion. Traditions and practices in Hinduism vary from region to region and I see our rituals as a part of the Hindu religion," Birju Nagesia said. The villagers have now started worshipping Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati in their 'Devi Mandir' and are also preparing for the opening of a Hanuman temple, under construction in the centre of the village, courtesy of funds collected by the VKK, he said.

But this is not the only change the VKK's presence in Sugakatta has triggered in the last decade. The village now has a pitch road connecting it to the highway towards the Gumla district centre, built under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana; almost all families have pucca homes, built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana; and the entire village now has access to power.

"We put our might behind the project. We connected with as many people in the ruling BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) we knew and used all the resources at our disposal to bring these government schemes here," said Naresh, the local VKK functionary. The purpose of his organisation's work in Sugakatta was to turn it into a model village, he said.

Raghav Rana, the VKK's Regional Gram Vikas chief for Jharkhand and Bihar, said, "We first created a pool of 10-12 tribal villages after field visits. After careful consideration, Sugakatta was selected to be developed as an example of what we can do."

Naresh added that they are also helping the locals, a primarily farming tribe, make their own organic compost by setting up pits in the village and helping them package and sell their produce at prices they could not dream of earlier. In addition, the VKK runs an 'Ekal Vidyalaya' in the village for children aged four to 10 years, where they are taught to respect elders by touching their feet, sing devotional songs about Hindu gods and goddesses, and prepared for enrollment into government schools, he said. "We believe in imparting 'Sanskritik Prathmik Shiksha'," Rana said of the programme. The VKK runs 389 elementary schools across Jharkhand's tribal villages, he added.

Further, the organisation runs 419 'Shraddha Jagran Kendra'. Rana said these "help tribal people celebrate their traditions grandly" through events like 'Shobha Yatras', "beautification" of their places of worship, and pujas every week to bring the community together.

These activities are what Tigga and the KSS describe as the Hindus' onslaught on Sarnaism. "We do not have any practice of worshipping every week or every day. We observe festivals like Sarhul, Karma puja (worshipping a branch of the Karma tree) once a year. Our daily worship is to express gratitude to Maa Sarna before meals," said Satyanarayan Lakda, the KSS Jharkhand chief in Ranchi.

The concept of "beautifying" Sarna places of worship by building temple-like structures goes against the basic tenets of Sarnaism, Tigga said. "We worship the land of the Sarna *sthal* where our sacred trees grow. These attempts to " beautify" places are corrupting the nature of how we worship and what we consider sacred."

Aware of the pushback from outfits like the KSS and the Rashtriya Adivasi Samaj Sarna Dharm Raksha Abhiyaan, Rana defended their work in Sugakatta: "How can anyone equate our work with that of Christian missionaries? We do not convert the tribal people. We do our development work with a focus on preserving their traditions. All we are saying is that there is practically no difference between Sarna practices and Sanatan Hindu practices. We are just helping them celebrate their traditions as grandly as possible."

The VKK's parent organisation, the Akhil Bharatiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, was started by Ramakant Keshav Deshpande in 1952 as a resistance to the Christian missionaries who were influencing conversions at the time, according to the organisation's website. It describes tribal people as '*vanvasi*' (forest dwellers), saying there were references of such characters in Hindu epics such as the Ramayana and Mahabharata thus concluding through its slogan, "*Tu, Mai – Ek Rakt* (You, me – same blood)."

Pointing to the VKK's Ranchi zone chief, Sukhi Oraon, Rana asserted that tribal people are with them in their efforts. A member of the Oraon tribe, Sukhi Oraon opposed the efforts to establish Sarnaism as a separate religion, referring to people leading the movement as those "trying to gain political mileage by dividing the country". He added, "We work to unite the nation, not divide it."

Sarna sthals under attack

About 50-60 km north of Sugakatta is Maheshpur village in the Chainpur block of Gumla district. It is mostly inhabited by the Kharia people, a hunter-gatherer tribe who had been praying at a two-acre patch of land where their Sarna *sthal* was till about five years ago. Now, the Sarna *sthal* has been reduced to a 200 sq ft plot of land. It is guarded by bamboo barricades with the sacred grove in the centre, beside which a Sarna flag has been firmly planted. The majority of the plot has been taken over by a Hindu temple.

The VKK's presence in the Gumla district and its work in Sugakatta has caused ripples across the area, said Bhagat of the KSS. Temples were coming up at Sarna places of worship, he said. Pointing at the Maheshpur Sarna *sthal*, Bhagat said, "Look, most of the land has been taken up by the temple and the villagers have been forced to settle for the smaller patch."

Dheeraj Kharia, 50, who lives next to the Sarna *sthal*, said the dispute over the land had been going on for over a decade, but after a few skirmishes in the last five years, which required the police to be called in, the area for Sarna worship was reduced and barricaded. "A couple of years ago, KSS activists planted the flag and strengthened the barricades. But we have copies of the registry papers showing that the entire plot was for Sarna worship," he said.

Such alleged "encroachments" upon Sarna *sthals* are not just by Hindu groups. In the Tin Tangar village, a few kilometres from Maheshpur, locals worshipped Maa Sarna on two-and-a-half acres of land on a hillock. But a church that had come up beside it has now built a grotto atop the hillock after cutting down a few trees. After a few skirmishes with church authorities, the police stepped in and the Sarna believers were forced to go downhill. There, they planted one fresh Sal tree to worship. Balram Rautia, the *pahan* (a Sarna priest) of Tin Tangar, said the area is still tense and locals are allowed to worship the sacred grove only under the strict supervision of law-enforcement authorities once a year for Sarhul.

Significantly, Bhagat said they are not getting much support from the State government to protect Sarna *sthals*. The Jharkhand government has in place a Gherabandi scheme, which promises State funds to the welfare department to create concrete boundary walls around sacred Sarna religious spaces, including both places of worship (Sarna *sthals*) and places of mourning (Masna *sthals*), to protect them from encroachment. According to data from the district office, in Gumla, the government had allocated ₹22.01 crore for the protection of 191 Sarna and Masna *sthals* between FY 2017-18 and FY 2021-22. Of these, work remains incomplete at 103 locations. Many of these are like the ones in Maheshpur and Tin Tangar: in dispute due to the existence of structures of other religions, according to district officials.

Those leading the movement for a separate Sarna code have maintained that their tribal identity is being threatened by all religions looking to either convert them or subsume them under their own religious identity. "Historically, we have always resisted attempts to erase our cultural and religious identity and that is shown in our practices. For instance, when Hinduism came up, Adivasis started animal sacrifice, specifically the sacrifice of an adolescent cow, to keep Hindus at bay. Then, when Islam came, many tribes started sacrificing pigs and we started using pig fat and hair in our rituals to keep them at bay. So, the fact that we want to set ourselves apart is not new," Tigga said.

With the Supreme Court finally ruling this year that there needs to be a "foolproof" mechanism to determine what constitutes tribal identity and who can be called a tribal, the Sarna code movement in Jharkhand is now moving towards positioning itself as an answer to the question: Who is an Adivasi? The criteria prescribed by the Union Government to identify a person as a member of aN ST are: indications of primitive traits, distinctive culture, geographical isolation, shyness of contact with the community at large, and backwardness. But as High Courts and the Supreme Court have observed in the last few years, these may not be the most appropriate or sufficient conditions to identify a person of tribal origin.

Jaleshwar Bhagat, a tribal activist, associated with Tigga's Chhatriya Sarna Samiti, explained, "It is no longer necessary for tribal people to have primitive traits, or be geographically isolated or shy of contact with the community at large. These aspects are changing rapidly and the only thing we can tether our identity to seems to be our distinctive practices of Sarnaism."

Finding identity

Tigga said practising Sarnaism ties tribal people to their roots as people who lived among nature and one with it. They take from nature and preserve it through their traditions. And this is why, Tigga added, their movement must move towards defining Adivasis by whether they practise Sarnaism or not, in a bid to protect their culture. Karma Oraon, an anthropologist and a senior member of the Rashtriya Adivasi Samaj Sarna Dharm Raksha Abhiyaan (RASSDRA), explained that this idea of identifying tribal people by their religious practice can be traced back to what Lohardaga MP, Kartik Oraon, had brought up in Parliament in the late 1960s. He had argued that this aspect of tribal life was what distinguished them from all other communities and hence this should be the deciding criterion.

Quoting 2011 Census figures, Karma Oraon said that more than half the people who had marked their religion under the "Others" column identified as Sarna or Sarnarthi, which amounted to a little over 49 lakh people, of which around 42 lakh live in Jharkhand. "This is more than the recorded believers of other religions like Jainism," he said. "Why then can't Sarna be recognised as a separate religion?"

But this push to define tribal identity by a people's association with the Sarna religion is also exclusionary to a certain extent. KSS Ranchi chief Lakda said, "Since Sarna is what sets us apart as tribal people, the government benefits available for tribal populations should also be restricted to only those who believe and practise Sarnaism. That is how we will know who is Adivasi."

There are 32 notified STs in Jharkhand but only five of the most populous tribes (Santhal, Oraon, Munda, Ho and Kharia) officially identify as Sarna believers. The others mark their religion as 'Adivasi', enter their tribe name, or other names for their traditional practices such as 'Addi Bassi', 'Sarvdharm' and 'Adi'. Apart from them, there are large groups of the tribal population that have converted to Christianity or other religions generations ago.

Lakda said, "The first to be excluded from government benefits for tribal people should be those who have converted to another religion, because they chose to abandon their tribal identity. If someone is not adhering to Sarna practices, how can we call them Adivasi?"

But given the diversity of traditional practices of nature worship among tribes, Tigga said their efforts are now also being directed towards uniting them under the umbrella of Sarnaism. "So, now our work is largely about visiting tribal villages, spreading awareness about their traditional religious practices and why they must resist attempts to be mis-categorised. No matter the tribe, these traditional practices based on nature worship are essentially Sarnaism and we are taking this message to as many people as possible," Tigga said. He added that they are also now marking their presence by planting their red-and-white striped flags at Sarna *sthals* across villages.

He explained that unlike Hinduism, Christianity, Sikhism and other religions, Sarna believers had no way of taking markers of the religious belief with them as they migrated out of their villages in search of jobs. "Traditionally, there was just one Sarna *sthal* for a group of villages and everyone worshipped there. When tribal people started moving to the cities, they could not possibly take the ground they worshipped with them and so the practices died among urban tribal people," Tigga said. "We are also encouraging those in the cities to assert their Sarna identity through symbols like the Sarna flag."

The Hemant Soren-led Jharkhand Mukti Morcha government has already supported the demand for a Sarna code by passing a resolution in the Assembly. This has allowed Soren to get the sympathy of the tribal people by claiming that now it was up to the Union Government to get on board, as he did while in Gumla on June 8, ahead of the Mandar Assembly bypoll.

As the KSS, the RASSDRA and other tribal groups nationwide decide the future of protests demanding the Sarna code, efforts are on to tie tribal identity exclusively to the Sarna religion. But the fate of this will largely depend on the decision of the Supreme Court bench that will now be tasked with setting down the definitive criteria based on which a person's tribal identity can be established.

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Supreme Court grants Azam Khan regular bail

He had argued that the conditions imposed on Mr. Khan for regular bail was "extreme". A Vacation Bench of the Supreme Court had stayed all these conditions in an order passed in late May. However, Mr. Sibal alleged the disputed property had continued to remain sealed.

"This is yet another case where we find that the High Court has referred to matters which are completely unrelated to the prayer for bail," the top court noted on Friday.

Instead of confining itself to bail conditions to ensure Mr. Khan's presence during the investigation and trial, the Bench said the High Court order had "ventured into issues unrelated to the prayer for bail". It had imposed conditions which were "much beyond" what was required.

The top court did not hesitate to set aside these bail conditions and parts of the High Court order with the "objectionable observations". It ordered the remarks to be effaced from the records.

The court was not impressed by a request from Additional Solicitor General S.V. Raju, for Uttar Pradesh, to stop Mr. Khan from entering Rampur as a condition for his bail.

Noting that the observations made in the May 10 order had led the local authorities to seal the property, the court ordered the Joint Magistrate/District Magistrate to "take immediate steps for unsealing the property".

The Bench said its order, however, does not preclude the competent authorities from taking action independently on the basis of tangible material, information, documents and evidence.

"The proceedings are to proceed independently, uninfluenced by the observations in the bail judgment [of May 10]," the court ordered.

Mr. Khan is accused of cheating, forging documents, criminally trespassing and "encircling" the 13-odd hectares, an agricultural land which belonged to a person who migrated to Pakistan during the Partition and was later vested with the government under the Enemy Property Act of 1968, into the university grounds.

A total of 90 cases are pending against Mr. Khan. He has been granted bail in all of them.

Dinesh Gunawardena sworn in as Sri Lanka PM

Citizens held the former first family chiefly responsible for the meltdown that left them scrambling for essentials.

The Prime Minister and the all-male Cabinet were sworn in hours after a predawn military raid at Colombo's main anti-government agitation site, in which at least nine persons, including activists, journalists and lawyers, were brutally assaulted by soldiers, despite protesters promising to vacate the area by Friday 2 p.m.

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A Rajapaksa loyalist

Son of iconic Marxist politician Philip Gunawardena, Sri Lanka's newly appointed Premier began his political activism as a leftist and trade unionist but has been in the Rajapaksa camp for some two decades now.

Mr. [Dinesh] Gunawardena has held ministerial portfolios including Education, Foreign Affairs and Labour in different Rajapaksa governments, and was Leader of the House from January 2020.

He is known for his support for the executive presidency, and opposition to greater power-sharing with Tamils. Mr. Gunawardena, 73, was a classmate of Mr. Wickremesinghe at Colombo's Royal College, an elite public school.

Speaking in Parliament after Mr. Wickremesinghe's recent election, he said: "Although the President [Ranil Wickremesinghe] and I have followed different ideologies, we are both committed to our country."

Six-time Prime Minister Mr. Wickremesinghe's unlikely rise to presidency came on the heels of a sensational protest on July 9, which saw several thousand citizens storm the Presidential Secretariat and palace, forcing Mr. Gotabaya to flee the island nation and resign.

Mr. Wickremesinghe, who was the sole MP from his United National Party (UNP), relies on the support of the Rajapaksas' Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna [SLPP or People's Front], which also backed him in Wednesday's parliamentary vote for presidency.

Alleging he is a "Rajapaksa backer", many Sri Lankans widely resent the leader and continue demanding his resignation, but Mr. Wickremesinghe's position appears secure at least for the immediate future, since he now enjoys unbridled executive powers and the support of the largest party in the legislature.

Xi congratulates Ranil

In the first outreach yet from a world leader, Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday sent a message of congratulations to President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

It stood out after most Colombo-based diplomatic missions and the United Nations, in their tweets following his election, noted or acknowledged the development, short of congratulating him.

Girls excel in CBSE Class 10 and 12 exams

The decision was based on feedback from students as well as views of a large number of school principals and officials sought through a consultative mechanism, following which the Competent Committee accepted their recommendation.

The feedback CBSE received was that students were unable to perform to their full potential in term 1 as they were appearing for an objective pattern for the first time in a board exam without adequate precedent or practice, while feedback for term 2 was positive with students expressing their satisfaction with the exam.

CBSE Examination Controller Sanyam Bharadwaj told PTI that for the 2022-2023 academic session the Board will revert to a single end of year exam instead of dividing it into two parts. The final exam for Class 10 and 12 will be conducted from February 15, he said.

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya schools performed the best among different categories of schools with a pass percentage of 98.93 for Class 12 and 99.71% for Class 10.

Display Tricolour at home from August 13-15, PM urges people

Modi recalls the efforts of all those who dreamt of a flag for independent India

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday took to Twitter to ask Indians to hoist or display the National Flag at their homes from August 13 to August 15 as part of the *Har Ghar Tiranga* initiative of the government.

The Centre is organising the *Har Ghar Tiranga* initiative on the occasion of India's 75th year of Independence.

In a series of tweets on Friday, which marked the anniversary of the adoption of the National Flag in 1947, Mr. Modi said: "This year, when we are marking *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*, let us strengthen the *Har Ghar Tiranga* Movement. Hoist the Tricolour or display it in your homes between 13th and 15th August. This movement will deepen our connect with the National Flag. *https://harghartiranga.com*." He recalled the efforts of all those who fought for freedom and dreamt of a flag of an independent India.

"Today, 22nd July has a special relevance in our history. It was on this day in 1947 that our National Flag was adopted. Sharing some interesting nuggets from history, including details of the committee associated with our Tricolour and the first Tricolour unfurled by Pandit Nehru," he said, tweeting photos of the historic documents.

The website, *hargharatiranga.com*, asks users to hoist a national flag and pin their location. As of Friday afternoon, 1.4 lakh flags had been pinned. Saurav Bhaik, founder and CEO of Tagbin, the company that developed the website and is working on the outreach for *Har Ghar Tiranga*, said the aim was to reach five crore pins.

Law panel to examine simultaneous elections

50 State polls held from 2014 to 2022

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NEW DELHI

The issue of holding simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly elections had been referred to the Law Commission for a practicable road map and a framework can be worked out, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju informed the Lok Sabha on Friday.

In a written reply, Mr. Rijiju also cited a report of a parliamentary panel which noted that frequent elections lead to "disruption" of normal public life and impact the functioning of essential services and that simultaneous polls would reduce the massive expenditure incurred to conduct separate elections every year. Between 2014 and 2022, there were as many as 50 State Assembly elections.

Election expenses

The entire expenditure on the conduct of elections to the Lok Sabha is borne by the Centre and the expenditure on the conduct of elections to the State legislatures is borne by the respective State governments when such polls are held independently. In case the elections are held simultaneously, the expenditure is borne by the States concerned and the Centre on a fifty-fifty basis. The funds disbursed to the States/Union Territories between 2014 and 2022 amounted to ₹7,432 crores, the Minister added.

BJD seeks to gain political mileage out of Murmu's victory

The party is pushing the *rakhi* narrative to usurp the electoral advantage the BJP was hoping to reap in tribal pockets

SATYASUNDAR BARIK
BHUBANESWAR

The bonhomie between the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) over the presidential election has ended following the elevation of Droupadi Murmu to the highest office in India and the estranged allies are ready to slog it out for cornering political space in Odisha.

It seems the regional party has pre-empted by deliberately pushing the narrative of 'brother-sister' relationship between Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and the President-elect to usurp the electoral advantage the BJP was hoping to reap in tribal pockets by showcasing victory of Ms. Murmu.

Moments after the National Democratic Alliance candidate registered a thumping victory, BJD's Lok Sabha member Pinaki Misra put out a message on social media, saying, "*Bhai rakhila rakhi ra mana. Bhauni alankruta kale Rastrapati asana.* (The brother has kept the honour of *rakhi*. The sister adorned the President's throne.)"

Returning Officer P.C. Mody handing over the certificate of victory to President-elect Droupadi Murmu on Friday. • PTI

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The BJD MP was trying to send a subtle message that it was the Odisha CM who put his political weight behind the candidature of Ms. Murmu.

Another video purportedly made by the BJD shows the clip of Ms. Murmu, who mentioned about her tying *rakhi* on the hand of Mr. Patnaik, during the presidential election campaign in the State.

Rairangpur to Raisina

"Naveen had blessed her journey from Rairangpur to Raisina – be it discussion with Prime Minister Narendra Modi about her candidature or mobilising support. Naveen had taken pledge to ensure sister's victory. By staying above politics, he (Naveen) campaigned for the march to Raisina of daughter of soil. Which brother would not want sister to become President for which Naveen gave the first support," it is heard in the video.

As the result of the Presidential election was a foregone conclusion, entire Odisha had entered into a celebratory mode before counting began on Thursday.

On Thursday, Baripada was flooded with hoardings which had image of Ms. Murmu tying *rakhi* to Mr. Patnaik.

Ms. Murmu hails from Mayurbhanj where the BJP had won six out of nine Assembly seats – the highest strike rate for the saffron party in any district in Odisha – in the 2019 Assembly and general election.

Mayurbhanj MP Bishweswar Tudu is a Central Minister. In the 2017 Zilla Parishad elections, the BJP had won 49 out of 56 seats in the district.

However, the Mr. Patnaik-led BJD wrested control over the district by winning 50 zilla parishad seats and BJP failed to win a single seat in the 2022 elections.

Sensing that the BJP could claw back from the electoral debacle in Mayurbhanj and for that matter in other tribal pockets by showcasing Ms. Murmu's victory, the five-time CM had carefully planned his moves.

The BJD supremo had given an impression that he was taken into confidence before Ms Murmu's name was finalised.

Though he was not part of the NDA, he had sent party MLAs to elicit support for Ms. Murmu in the State Congress. It was a well-crafted move to appropriate nomination of a tribal woman for the top constitutional post. "The BJD had its reasons to be worried over Ms. Murmu's victory. The regional party has been banking on women and tribals for its electoral success. In one stroke (by nominating Ms. Murmu), the BJP could have weakened the BJD's vote base," said Rabi Dash, a veteran political commentator.

Certificate of election issued

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The Presidential election process culminated on Friday, with the Election Commission of India signing the certification of election of NDA candidate Droupadi Murmu.

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey signed the certification of election of Ms. Murmu as the 15th President of India, a day after the results were announced. The Commission said a signed copy of the certificate was handed over to the Union Home Secretary.

V-P poll: Opposition in damage-control mode

Not time for ego, Alva tells Mamata

SANDEEP PHUKAN
NEW DELHI

With the split in the Opposition camp wide open after the Trinamool Congress refused to back Opposition candidate Margaret Alva in the Vice-Presidential election, there were visible attempts at 'damage control'.

Taking to Twitter on Friday, Ms. Alva said, "The TMC's decision to abstain from voting in the VP election is disappointing. This isn't the time for 'whataboutery', ego or anger. This is the time for courage, leadership & unity. I believe, @MamataOfficial, who is the epitome of courage, will stand with the opposition."

Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, too appealed to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for a rethink.

Amid claims that the Trinamool was never consulted on the election, a senior Opposition leader, who was among the group that was trying to find a suitable V-P candidate, told *The Hindu* that Congress president Sonia Gandhi had spoken on phone to Ms. Banerjee on July 15 to discuss the Opposition's plan.

Trinamool leader in the Rajya Sabha, Derek O'Brien, said: "The grand old party should view the Trinamool as an equal partner and in that spirit let us agree on issues and strategies of the bigoted BJP government."

Tarigami, Omar rue lack of unity

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

National Conference (NC) vice-president Omar Abdullah and CPI(M) leader M.Y. Tarigami have expressed displeasure over the lack of Opposition unity for the Vice-President election.

"I believe rather than being taken for granted as an automatic participant in all Opposition meetings and activities in Delhi, NC should put its own interests first," Mr. Abdullah told *The Hindu*. He also questioned the Congress's electoral position in J&K.

"When they say 'Congress will emerge as the largest party in Assembly polls' then we are not allies, we are rivals," he said.

Govt. ready to discuss price rise, Goyal tells RS

'Let Finance Minister return to House'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Leader of the House Piyush Goyal on Friday informed the Rajya Sabha that the government was ready for a discussion on the price rise issue.

As the Upper House resumed at 11 a.m. on Friday, Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu said he had received notices under Rule 267 for suspension of business to take up discussion on price rise from many members. "This has earlier been disposed of by the House saying that I am not allowing it, but we will have discussion separately," Mr. Naidu said.

He warned the members against showing placards. "I will take a serious view if you show placards... Please don't do it... You have wasted one week's precious time of the people and also Parliament. This is not the way, particularly when the House is ready to discuss and the government has also expressed its willingness. Please stop this and also don't bring placards into the House," he said before adjourning the House till noon.

To a demand raised by Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge later, Mr. Goyal said: "The government wants a discussion, we are ready for it. The Finance Minister [Nirmala Sitharaman] has COVID-19, once she has recovered, the discussion can be done."

U.S. aid agency chief to visit India on July 25

Thorny issues like Indian wheat export ban and indemnity issues for U.S. vaccines may be discussed

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

Days after calling for grain-exporting countries to step up efforts to avoid a hunger crisis, USAID Administrator Samantha Power will arrive in India on a three-day visit on Monday to discuss global food security and other issues with the government, as well as with climate change and agricultural experts.

Samantha Power

Announcing the visit, the U.S. development aid agency said that Ms. Power would "participate in meetings and events demonstrating U.S. commitment to partnering with India, the world's largest democracy, as a global development leader in addressing some of the world's most pressing development challenges, such as addressing the global food security crisis, tackling the climate crisis, ending the COVID-19 pandemic, and supporting countries in need," during the visit from July 25 to 27.

The visit indicates growing U.S. concern over the fallout of the Russia-Ukraine crisis, which has severely restricted global wheat supplies from a region called the "bread basket" of the world.

Russian war fallout

At an event in Washington this week, Ms. Power, who served as former U.S. President Barack Obama's Ambassador to the United Nations, and as a special assistant on human rights, said the Russian war in Ukraine could lead to an extra 40 million people worldwide facing food shortages. "We need other countries to look beyond their approved budgets – to address the current gaps in assistance, especially those who might have more space to do so given the returns they are receiving from high commodity prices," she said, indicating other grain exporters.

While Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a speech in April 2022, promised that India could "feed the world", and the government made plans to export 10 million tonnes of wheat, sending trade delegations to at least nine countries to offer exports, it decided to clamp down on exports of wheat, wheat flour and onion seed in May, after anticipating domestic shortages, and in the face of global price speculation. The move was criticised at the WTO ministerial meeting in June by a number of Western countries.

Defending the move at the UN Security Council special session on July 18, India said it had taken steps to curtail food exports so as to support domestic needs and those of neighbouring and other "vulnerable developing countries" like Afghanistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Yemen.

Apart from the food security situation, Ms. Power may also raise the issue over American vaccines receiving clearances in India, given that U.S.-made mRNA vaccine companies such as Pfizer and Moderna have not received indemnity waivers, as they had wanted from the Indian government. Last year, a shipment of Moderna vaccines bound for India from the U.S. aid agency had to be held back owing to the legal hurdles.

IN BRIEF

ED attaches assets worth ₹253 crore of Nirav Modi

NEW DELHI
The ED has attached assets worth ₹253.62 crore in the money laundering case against the fugitive Nirav Modi's group of companies in Hong Kong. The ED had earlier attached movable and immovable assets worth ₹2,396.45 crore of Mr. Modi.

'Extension of deadline for filing I-T returns unlikely'

NEW DELHI
The government is not considering extending the last date for filing income tax returns, as it expects most returns to come in by July 31, a top official said on Friday. Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj said over 2.3 crore income returns were filed by July 20 for fiscal 2021-22. PTI

Eight vendors held for offering namaz at market

NEW DELHI
Eight street vendors were arrested by the Haridwar police on Thursday for offering *namaz* at a public place. Those arrested were residents of Jwalapur and they were offering *namaz* at a weekly market. They were released a few hours later. The complainants also showed videos and pictures of them and on the basis of which they were identified.

Petition on Dubey encounter inquiry closed

NEW DELHI
The Supreme Court, on Friday, closed the hearing on pleas seeking relief including the re-constitution of a commission to inquire into the encounter of gangster Vikas Dubey and others, and directed the Uttar Pradesh government to act upon the recommendations of the panel. PTI

Din in RS over private member's Bill

Opposition stages protest against Bills on Uniform Civil Code, repeal of the Places of Worship Act

VIJAITA SINGH
NEW DELHI

Opposition members protested against the introduction of a private member's Bill on the repeal of The Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, in the Rajya Sabha on Friday. The Bill moved by BJP member Harnath Singh Yadav could not be introduced as the member was absent.

The 1991 legislation was enacted to freeze the status of all places of worship in the country as on August 15, 1947, but an exception was made to keep the Babri Masjid-Ramjanmabhoomi dispute out of its ambit.

Its relevance was brought to the fore recently in the Gyanvapi mosque litigation. As soon as the Bill was mentioned, there was protest from the Opposition members.

"This Bill should not be admitted, it will be a contradiction as the matter is *sub-judice* in Supreme Court," Pramod Tiwari, Congress member, said. Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh said the member had no right to speak on the Bill as it had not been introduced in the House.

Raising objection: Opposition members protesting in the Rajya Sabha on Friday. • PTI

Another Bill – the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in India Bill – submitted by BJP member Kirodi Lal Meena for the constitution of the National Inspection and Investigation Committee for preparation of the UCC and its implementation throughout India was mentioned by Deputy Chairman Harivansh but it was also not submitted as the member was not present in the House.

CPI member P. Sandosh Kumar moved The National Commission for the Welfare of Home-based Workers Bill, 2022.

The Bill said that although home-based workers belong to the most vulnerable category of workers, there are no official policies, programmes and schemes that protect their rights and welfare. "The term home-based worker is not legally recognised. Hence, they remain as an exploited and invisible class of workers living under the mercy of global brands for whom they do the hard work. It is critical for the government to recognise and identify the problems of these large majority of workers and safeguard their legitimate rights and welfare through legislative and administrative actions," the Bill said.

Right to Health Bill

The Upper House discussed the Right to Health Bill, 2021 moved by Manoj Kumar Jha of the Rashtriya Janata Dal in one of the previous sessions.

The Bill aims to provide for health as a fundamental right to all citizens and to ensure equitable access and maintenance of a standard of physical and mental health. Mr. Jha said medical poverty was increasing in the country which showed the failure to provide affordable and accessible health facilities to the common man.

Rajani Patil of the Congress drew the attention of the House to the poor conditions of government hospitals and said a few days ago she was left unattended for four hours at the emergency wing of Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in Delhi. "I suffered from food poisoning but when I reached there I saw multiple patients on one bed. There was no space, it was crowded, the doctors were on a tea break," Ms. Patil recalled.

Amar Patnaik of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) said that out-of-pocket expenditure on health was a matter of concern. K. Keshava Rao of the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) said health and education were the prime concern of the people of the country. He urged the government to give more focus to these issues. Participating in the discussion, John Brittas of the CPI(M) demanded more allocation for the health sector.

Opposition members walk out of House panel meet

They were denied discussion on the Agnipath scheme

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Opposition members on Friday walked out of a meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence to protest against the Chairman's decision not to allow a discussion on the Agnipath recruitment scheme for the defence services.

K.C. Venugopal

Congress MPs K. C. Venugopal and Uttam Kumar Reddy, and Bahujan Samaj Party MP Danish Ali, who are members of the panel, requested senior BJP leader and Committee Chairman Jual Oram to take up the Agnipath recruitment scheme as "it has huge national security implications and required parliamentary scrutiny".

They argued that Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and the three Service chiefs had made a presentation before the Consultative Committee on Defence. When the Opposition leaders are said to have asked Mr. Oram to schedule the discussion on the scheme in the next meeting, he suggested that they can raise the issue on the floor of the House. The agenda cannot be altered since it was decided at the beginning of the year, he added.

"The Chairman turned a deaf ear to these crucial questions & the scheme was not discussed. No discussion in Parliament, no deliberations in the Parliament Standing Committees, thus goes the way of bulldozing legislation in the Modi era," Mr. Venugopal later tweeted.

"We urged the Chairman to clarify; Why the Parliament Standing Committee on Defence was kept in dark on the #AgnipathRecruitmentScheme ? Why the Scheme was not taken up in the committee's budget scrutiny meetings despite involving financial implications?" said the Congress leader.

The Opposition members are said to have argued that the Agnipath scheme was the biggest change in the armed forces since Independence and needed to be discussed in the Parliamentary Committee on Defence, where government actions are scrutinised. "What is the government trying to hide and what is this secret about the Agnipath scheme?" they said.

'21.34% of ex-servicemen hired in 2014-21 in PSB Group D category'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The maximum representation of ex-servicemen recruited in various government departments during the period 2014-21 stood at 21.34% in the Group 'D' category of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) as on June 30, 2021, the Defence Ministry said.

In a written response to a query from 14 Lok Sabha members, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence on Friday said reservations for ex-servicemen were available in the Central Civil Services & Posts (CCS&P), Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs), PSBs and Defence Security Corps (DSC).

The Minister said in the CCS&P and CAPFs, there was 10% reservation in direct recruitment posts in Group 'C' and 20% in direct recruitment posts in Group 'D'. There was 10% reservation in all direct recruitment posts up to the level of Assistant Commandant in the CAPFs. In the CPSUs and PSBs, there was 14.5% reservation for ex-servicemen in all the direct recruitment Group 'C' posts and 24.5% in all the direct recruitment Group 'D' posts, including 4.5% for disabled ex-servicemen and dependents of the service personnel killed in action. There was 100% reservation in the Defence Security Corps.

The maximum recruitment of 10,982 ex-servicemen was done in 2015 as against just 2,322 in 2014.

'Saudi, UAE recorded most deaths of Indian workers'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) witnessed the largest number of deaths of Indian workers during the period 2019-2021.

In response to a question in Parliament, the government on Friday laid down the numbers that revealed that the highest number of deaths took place in the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia.

In Saudi Arabia, 3,753 Indian workers died in 2020. A year later, the number dropped to 2,328.

Both the years were marked by the pandemic which saw health and employment-related crises for the workers.

However, it is not known how many of these workers might have succumbed to bad working conditions. The number of deaths stood at 2,353 in Saudi Arabia in 2019.

A total of 2,454 Indian labourers died in the UAE in 2020 compared with 1,751 in 2019. It rose to 2,714 in 2021.

Over 2,000 trains were cancelled due to Agnipath protests: Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

More than 2,000 trains were cancelled in about a week due to the protests against the Agnipath scheme across the country, the government informed Parliament on Friday.

In a written reply to the Rajya Sabha, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said train services were affected due to the agitation and protests against the Agnipath scheme at 62 locations. "A total of 2,132 trains were cancelled between 15.06.2022 to 23.06.2022," he said.

Loss of ₹259.44 crore

The Minister added that separate data regarding amount of refund granted to passengers due to the disruption of rail services on account of public disorder consequent to agitations like those held after the launch of Agnipath was not maintained.

"However, during the period 14.06.2022 to 30.06.2022, a total refund of approximately ₹102.96 crore was granted on account of cancellation of trains and a loss of ₹259.44 crore due to damage/destruction of railway assets in agitations against Agnipath scheme was incurred."

In a separate reply, the Minister said that on an average 71 train services were cancelled per day during the past six months as against an average of 98 trains cancelled in 2019-20 that was a near-normal pre-COVID year.

Antarctic Bill passed in LS

The Bill extends the jurisdiction of Indian courts

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha on Friday passed the Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022 amid clamour from the Opposition to have more discussion.

There were no amendments to the text of the Bill that was passed after a voice vote. Earth Sciences Minister Jitendra Singh said that such a law was necessary under India's obligations as a signatory to the Antarctic Treaty of 1963.

Jitendra Singh

The Antarctic Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha in April this year and its overarching aim is to regulate visits and activities to Antarctica as well set ground rules for potential disputes that may arise among those present on the continent. The Bill also prescribes penal provisions for certain serious violations.

Under its provisions, private tours and expeditions to Antarctica would be prohibited without a permit or the written authorisation by a member country. A member country is one of the 54 signatories of the Treaty. The Bill also lays out a structure for government officials to inspect a vessel, and to conduct checks of research facilities. It also directs creating a fund called the Antarctic fund that will be used for protecting the Antarctic environment. The Bill also extends the jurisdiction of Indian courts to Antarctica and lays out penal provision for crimes on the continent by Indian citizens, foreign citizens who are a part of Indian expeditions, or are in the precincts of Indian research stations.

Security for Ambani can continue: SC

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday allowed the Centre to continue providing security cover to industrialist Mukesh Ambani and his family in Mumbai.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana accepted Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta's submissions that security was provided after taking into consideration threat perceptions and ground realities.

The Centre had moved the Supreme Court with a plea to quash proceedings before the Tripura High Court in a public interest petition challenging the security cover to the businessman and his family.

The three-judge Bench led by the CJI quashed the Tripura High Court proceedings.

Mr. Mehta said the government would send the bill for the security cover to the family. There was no need for a petitioner in Tripura to bother about it.

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MADURAI DIVISION
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NO: U-TRD-OT-22-23-V
dated 21.07.2022
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, Southern Railway, Madurai 625016 invites E-Tenders from reputed contractors for the under mentioned works.
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Approx Tender Value (Rs.): 1,04,21,833.98
Earnest Money Value (Rs.): 2,02,100
Cost of Tender Form (Rs.): 5,600
Completion Period: 24 Months
2) Tender No & Name of the Work U-TRD-OT-22-23-V-2: Madurai Division - Outsourcing of Maintenance of Non-Core OHE Activities in the Tiruchchirappalli - Dindigul - Madurai - Vanchi Maniyachchi - Tirunelveli, Vanchi Maniyachchi - Tuticorin sections for the period of Two Years
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Cost of Tender Form (Rs.): 5,600
Completion Period: 24 Months
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Estimate Value	Rs. 39,80,250/-
Tender Closing Date and Time	04.08.2022 14.00hrs
Website Address	http://www.ireps.gov.in

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2.	S&T Sub-work in connection with Engg.work of (1) Through turnout renewal, Madurai Division – MDU – VPT MEJ-TN & MEJ-TN sec:- TRR in Points & Crossings (CS+CMSC) – 15sets in SSE/PWAY/VPT, TN & TEN section.[SSE/P.way/VPT sec = 8 sets, TN sec = 6 sets & TEN sec = 1 set (2) TRR(P)- 5.958kms in VPT-MEJ-TN section Between km 645.561 to 646.346 & 647.132 to 652.306 in MEJ-TN section (3) Primary track renewal namely through rail renewal & through sleeper renewal. (Umbrella Work 2021- 22). Madurai Division – TRR (P) – 6.110 kms in MEJ – TN & MNM-RMM sections. (4.510 kms in TN P.way section between Km 621.836 to 622.740, Km.622.848 to 623.872, Km. 624.368 to 626.000 & Km 627.000 to 627.950 in MEJ – TN section & 1.60kms in MNM P.way section between Km 554.500 to 556.100 in MNM – RMM section) (4) MEJ – TN section:- Complete track renewal (Primary) for a length of 1.454 kms from Km:-624.108 to 624.368 & Km. 627.950 to 629.144 in bet. stations MEJ & TIP in SSE /P.way / TN section.
3.	S&T Sub-work in connection with Engg.work of (1) Through fastening renewal – TFR in main line in Km.489.500 to 505.700 and Km.511.500 to 554.700 for length of 59.40 km in SSE/PWAY/SVGA section. (2) TFR in main line (Total-61.400 kms) - 31.50kms in PDKT & 29.90kms in MMM sections. TBR (total-25.200 kms) - 22.20kms in PDKT & 3.00Kms in MMM sections. TWR (total -34.300 kms) - 22.00kms in SVGA & 12.30kms in MMM sections and TFTR (11,700Kms) - 8.400 kms in SVGA section & 3.300 kms in MMM section. (3)Madurai Division : CTR(P)-13.002 kms [CTR (P) – 10.100 Kms between Km- 433.500 to 443.600 in DG-MDU (DN line) in SSE / P.way / DG section. & CTR (P) – 0.170 km between Km 0.370 to 0.540 in MEJ – TEN in SSE / P.way / TEN section & CTR (P) – 2.732 kms between Km 645.320 to 645.561, 646.346 to 647.132 & 652.305 to 654.010 in SSE / P.way / TN section.] (4)Madurai Division : Through Rail Renewal (Secondary) for a length of 17.192Kms. Through Sleeper Renewal (Secondary) for a length of 1.007Kms.
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IN BRIEF

Akasa Air to launch flights from August 7

NEW DELHI

Akasa Air, India's newest airline, will launch flights from August 7, with 28 weekly flights connecting Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Mumbai and Kochi. The airline opened ticket sales from Friday, Akasa Air said in a press statement.

₹10 lakh reward for information on KTF chief

NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday declared a reward of ₹10 lakh for information on Canada-based Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar, accused in the conspiracy to kill a Hindu priest in Jalandhar. The agency said a conspiracy was hatched to disrupt communal harmony in Punjab.

Disability not a ground to deny boarding, DGCA tells airlines

It amends rules after IndiGo episode, asks operators to seek medical opinion

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has amended its rules on carrying disabled persons and explicitly stated that disability should not be a ground for an airline to deny boarding to a passenger.

The revised norms follow outrage over IndiGo refusing a teen with special needs permission to board a flight from Ranchi to Hyderabad in May. The airline said the child was in a state of "panic" and a threat to flight safety, but the DGCA found IndiGo "deficient" in its handling of the passenger and imposed a penalty of ₹5 lakh after an inquiry.

"Airline shall not refuse carriage of any person on the basis of disability and/ or reduced mobility," states the DGCA's Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) on Carriage by Air - Persons with Disability. It adds that if it is perceived that such a passenger's health could deteriorate during a flight, the airline will have to obtain a doctor's opinion categorically stating the medical condition of the passenger and whether the passenger is fit to fly or not. Following this, the airline may decide to refuse boarding to a passenger but only after providing a written explanation.

Hassle-free trip: Airlines should help disabled passengers at every stage of the journey, say the DGCA rules. • REUTERS

The earlier version of this CAR only required airlines to provide a reason for denying boarding to a disabled person, but didn't call for a medical opinion. Nor did the rules state upfront that disability will not be a ground for refusing a passenger permission to board a plane.

Airlines are also required to extend assistance to disabled passengers in seamless travel up to the aircraft during departure, and to the exit gate after the plane lands at the destination. Passengers with disabilities have to be boarded and disembarked separately, and efforts have to be made to ensure quick clearance for them and their baggage, according to the DGCA rules.

'Most new passenger vehicles could be electric by 2050'

Ownership of two-wheelers would saturate, says study

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

Electric passenger vehicles could comprise 30% and 75% of new vehicle sales in India by 2030 and 2050, respectively, according to a study by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW).

Close to half of new two-wheelers and over a quarter of new three- and four-wheelers sold in 2030, the study projected, could be electric. Therefore, the Centre and the State governments would need to invest significantly more in charging infrastructure and support local supply chain development to support this rapid growth in electric vehicle sales.

CEEW's 'India Transport Energy Outlook', as the study is called, underlined that in the next three decades, ownership of four-wheelers could grow by nine times.

Electric scooters at an expo in Bengaluru. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

The ownership of two-wheelers, though, would saturate with rising income levels. The overwhelming shift to four-wheelers, aided by rising income levels, would significantly impact the transport sector's energy demand and emissions. At present, India's transport sector accounts for around 21% of the total energy consumed and produces fewer emissions compared with developed countries.

"Energy demand from transport sector is set to grow manifold over the next 30 years, in line with the expected rise in the per capita income. Therefore, decarbonising the transport sector, especially the hard-to-abate aviation sector and long-distance freight transport, is crucial for India's short and long-term climate goals," Vaibhav Chaturvedi, fellow, CEEW, said in a statement. The study also said that a decline in the share of public transport and rapid growth in air travel would pose significant challenges to India's efforts to decarbonise the transport sector.

ED searches residences of 2 Bengal Ministers, officials

It is probing irregularities in recruitment of govt. school staff

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

A team of Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials on Friday conducted searches at several places, including the residences of West Bengal Industry Minister Partha Chatterjee and Minister of State for Education Paresh Chandra Adhikary, in connection with alleged irregularities in recruitment carried out by State School Education Department.

The raids by the ED came a month after the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) registered cases in the alleged recruitment scam on the instruction of the Calcutta High Court.

The ED officials reached the south Kolkata residence of Mr. Chatterjee, who is also the secretary-general of the Trinamool Congress, at 8 a.m. on Friday. The search continued till late in the evening.

Partha Chatterjee

Mr. Chatterjee was the Minister of State for Education when the alleged irregularities occurred.

Another ED team conducted a search at Mr. Adhikary's house in Cooch Behar district.

ED sources said the searches were conducted at 13 locations on Friday. Searches were also conducted at the residence of former Chairman of the West Bengal Board of Primary Education, Manik Bhattacharya, and members of an advisory committee of the West Bengal School Service Commission, including its Chairman Santi Prasad Sinha, among others.

The issue of irregularities in recruitment for teaching and non-teaching staff in State-run schools has dominated the politics of the State for the past few months.

In harmony

Warm welcome: Muslims showering rose petals on Kanwarias returning from Haridwar in Uttar Pradesh after fetching holy water from the Ganga, outside the Jafrabad mosque in New Delhi on Friday. • R.V. MOORTHY

Court reserves order on Teesta, Sreekumar bail plea

Police accuse them of larger conspiracy

MAHESH LANGA
AHMEDABAD

A local court in Ahmedabad on Thursday reserved its orders on the bail applications filed by social activist Teesta Setalvad and former IPS officer R.B. Sreekumar, both facing charges of committing forgery and fabricating evidence to implicate top functionaries of the Gujarat government in a case related to the 2002 Gujarat riots.

During the hearing for her bail application, the police submitted an affidavit claiming that "she and other accused were part of a larger conspiracy to destabilise the then elected government headed by CM Narendra Modi" and she worked "at the behest of late Congress leader Ahmed Patel".

"The political objective of the applicant [Ms. Setalvad] while enacting this larger conspiracy was dismissal or destabilisation of the elected government," the police said.

"She obtained illegal financial benefits, and rewards from rival political party in lieu of her attempts to wrongly implicate innocent persons in Gujarat," it added.

During the bail hearing, both Ms. Setalvad and Mr. Sreekumar strongly denied all charges levied against them by the police.

Ms. Setalvad, through her counsel, told the court that instead of substantiating the case with adequate evidence, the police had moved in a different direction of "larger conspiracy" that had no relevance.

7 sent to judicial custody in Kolhe killing

'Pak. intruder linked to TLP'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

A special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court in Mumbai on Friday sent seven men to judicial custody in connection with the murder of a pharmacist for allegedly sharing objectionable WhatsApp posts in support of suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma's statement on Prophet Muhammed.

The NIA counsel argued that electronic evidence in the case had been tampered with and that one of the accused was still absconding.

Advocates Sharif Shaikh and Ali Kaashif Khan Deshmukh, lawyers of the accused, said that no terrorist organisation was involved in the killing and the prosecution had failed to link this incident with any other incident across the country.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
JAIPUR

Pakistani intruder Rizwan Ashraf, who infiltrated into India with the intention to eliminate suspended Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokesperson Nupur Sharma, has been associated with a far-right Islamic group in his country, the police said on Friday.

Ashraf, 24, was caught by the Border Security Force (BSF) near the India-Pakistan border in Sri Ganganagar, on the night intervening July 16 and 17. He has been associated with the Tehreek-e-Labbaik (TLP), an Islamic group in Pakistan, the police said.

The Central agency on July 6 conducted raids at 13 locations across Maharashtra in connection with the murder of Umesh Kolhe. The agency is reported to have recovered incriminating materials such as pamphlets spreading hate messages, knives, and mobile phones, among others.

The first information report (FIR) is registered under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act and Sections 34 (acts done with common intention), 153 A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, language, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony), 153 B (imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration), 120 B (criminal conspiracy) and 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code.

Emblem atop new Parliament violates design, says plea in SC

Petition says the lions in Sarnath are 'calm and composed'

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A petition was moved by two lawyers in the Supreme Court claiming that the "ferocious and aggressive lions" atop the new Parliament building under construction amount to undue interference with the National Emblem.

"The state Emblem of India is a mark of identity of the Republic of India. The Republic of India belongs to the people of India, we the Indians. When this identity is unduly interfered with by the government, it hurts the national sentiment of its citizens," advocates Aldanish Rein and Ramesh Kumar Mishra contended.

The National Emblem on the new Parliament building.

They argued that the new bronze cast violated the description and design of the Emblem in Schedule of the State Emblem of India (Prohibition of Improper Use) Act, 2005.

The petition said the lions in Sarnath, from which the Emblem was adopted, are "calm and composed". They represent spiritual philosophies of Lord Buddha.

Aaditya hits the streets to reassert grip

SHOUMOJIT BANERJEE
PUNE

With Shiv Sena MLAs and MPs defecting *en masse* to Chief Minister and rebel Sena leader Eknath Shinde's camp, Yuva Sena leader Aaditya Thackeray has hit the streets in a bid to stop the churn in the party rank and reassert the Thackeray clan's grip over the divided party.

In rallies in Nashik and Aurangabad districts on Friday, he made emotional appeals as to how the rebels had stabbed his father in the back.

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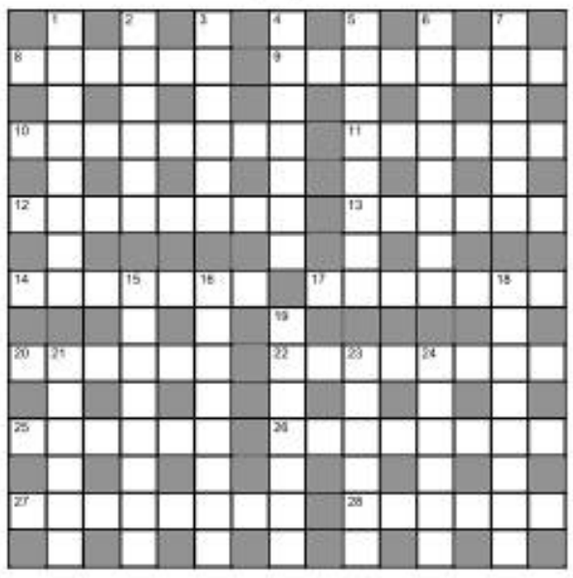

Across

8 Boy plus dog (6)
9 Run down to hum (3,5)
10 Hear scuffles around a bar dance (8)
11 Relating to sound entirely cut by German car in the front (6)
12 American cans with beer in bargain offer (4,4)
13 Introduces relatives leaving wife to get closer to family (6)
14 What's drawn by a retiree? (7)
17 Fail to meet holy man joining with state (5,2)
20 Cut and paste (6)
22 Settling a claim involving sweetheart's pottery (8)
25 Say copper in Doctor's breakfast dish? (3,3)
26 Trouble husband and wife had describing books with rules (3,5)
27 Firm restoring East Mylapore ignores Academy (8)
28 Truthful accountant backing trade union's talk, essentially (6)

Down

1 Relax at Iveagh inhaling drug to let one go (8)
2 Elon's first revolutionary space flight (6)
3 Greek goddess nurtured by Corcyra the Naiad (6)
4 Devoted people putting alumni behind school (7)
5 How Hypatia initiates card game for perfectionist (8)
6 Build network without British singer (3,5)
7 Fixed days to travel taking time on vacation (6)
15 Hardly spoil Church's empty library
16 Prove, say mobile exceeds charge (8)
18 Cleans posh building needing money in America (5,3)
19 Avoid cold taking aromatic oil with little alcohol in flask (7)
21 Support bird returning to pod (6)
23 Travel fatigue from Reverend's rented car (3,3)
24 Lease includes a new and old shed (4-2)

SUDOKU

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Solution to puzzle 13615

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Faith in the Divine Mystery

The Lord imparts to Arjuna the essence of Raja Vidya that is the most profound of all esoteric truths. He adds that this innermost secret of the knowledge of God is accessible to those with implicit faith in scriptures. Such believers can strive to attain salvation, while those who tend to doubt the teaching that proclaims the Supremacy of the One Brahman cannot be relieved from the cycle of birth. Though generally it is possible for at least those committed to scriptural study to have an idea of these deep truths, and also believe in them, it is most difficult to experience it in one's inner self at all times, pointed out Sri B. Sundarkumar in a discourse.

The Lord explains the divine mystery as "all beings are in Me but I am not in them." He is 'sarva loka saranyan,' the sole refuge and protector for all. He says He is the yagna; he is the Pita, Pitamaha, Omkara, Sarva sakshi, etc. He is the essence of all auspicious vastus, etc. He is the seed for all. He is both 'sat' and 'asat.' The same truth of His all pervasiveness is proclaimed in the Rudra Trishati comprising the 300 names of Rudra.

The Lord says that maybe only very few souls have internalised Him as the primordial ever-existing Supreme One without a beginning and end. Most of us accept this knowledge, but are unable to constantly reinforce this truth in practical life. This is the case even with sages steeped in meditation and renunciates alike. That is why the samhitas that prescribe rules and duties for the sanyasi and grihastha have laid down that the sanyasi, though exempted from the karmas and yagnas, has to include reciting the Upanishads relevant to the respective branch of the Vedas to which he belongs, and the chanting of Rudra Trishati and the Bhagavad Gita in his daily routine.

Russia, Ukraine seal grain exports deal

In their first deal since the war began, the countries agreed to start shipping food via the Black Sea

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
ISTANBUL

Kyiv and Moscow on Friday penned a landmark agreement with Turkey and the UN on Friday to unblock Ukraine's Black Sea grain exports after a Russian blockade raised fears of a global food crisis.

In their first major deal after nearly five months of fighting, Russian and Ukrainian delegations signed individual agreements with Ankara and the UN in the wake of several rounds of laborious negotiations.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, Turkish President Erdogan with Ukrainian and Turkish officials. • AFP

Ukraine had warned ahead of the signing that any Russian "provocations" around its encircled Black Sea ports would be met with a swift military response and refused to pen the same papers as Moscow. "Today, there is a beacon on the Black Sea – a beacon of hope, a beacon of possibility, a beacon of relief," UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said at the signing ceremony in the lavish Dolmabahce Palace on the Bosphorus Strait.

The deal agreed through UN and Turkish mediation establishes safe corridors along which Ukrainian ships can come in and out of three designated Black Sea ports in and around Odessa.

And both sides also pledged not to attack ships on the way in or out.

"It will bring relief for developing countries on the edge of bankruptcy and the most vulnerable people on the edge of famine," Mr. Guterres said.

The five-month war, which has displaced millions and left thousands dead, is being fought across one of Europe's most fertile regions by two of the world's biggest grain producers. Up to 25 million tonnes of wheat and other grain have been blocked in Ukrainian ports by Russian warships and landmines Kyiv has laid to avert a feared amphibious assault.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan – a key player in the negotiations who has good relations with both Moscow and Kyiv – said he hoped the deal would "hopefully revive the path to peace". U.K. Foreign Secretary Liz Truss congratulated Turkey and UN for brokering the deal but cautioned "we will be watching to ensure Russia's actions match its words".

Earlier, Ukrainian presidential aide Mykhaylo Podolyak explained the two sides would sign "mirror" agreements. "We sign an agreement with Turkey and the UN and undertake obligations to them. Russia signs a mirror agreement with Turkey and the UN," he said on social media. He warned that Russian breaches of the deal and incursions around Ukraine's ports would be met with "an immediate military response".

Sri Lanka military assaults protesters, journalists in raid

Opposition calls it a cowardly attack on peaceful protesters

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

A large military contingent, along with police, raided Galle Face in Colombo early on Friday, where protesters have peacefully agitated for over three months, resisting the ruling establishment in the wake of a crushing economic crisis. Nine persons, including protesters, journalists and lawyers, were brutally assaulted by soldiers.

Protesters clash with security forces at Galle Face on Friday morning. • AFP

The attack on the main agitation site comes less than 24 hours after Ranil Wickremesinghe was sworn in as President, amid political tumult following former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's recent ousting by dramatic mass protests. As Acting President, Mr. Wickremesinghe declared an Emergency on Monday, two days ahead of a crucial Parliament vote in which he was elected President.

The military's aggressive takeover of the protest site in the early hours on Friday shocked many, as activists had announced they would leave the area by Friday afternoon, following a court order. Nine persons who were arrested while resisting military aggression were later released on bail.

Media denied entry

According to eyewitness accounts, around 1.30 a.m., soldiers stormed the area, and forcefully dismantled protesters' tents put up at the agitation site, including those of the deaf community, soldiers with disability and student groups. They attacked several protesters, especially those trying to film the developments, multiple sources at the spot said.

Soon after, armed soldiers and police blocked entry into the Galle Face area, Colombo's iconic front that has been the main anti-government agitation site since April, from all access points. "No one can go. Not even the media or lawyers," Air Force personnel stationed on Galle Road, leading to the seafront, told *The Hindu* at around 3 a.m. Attempts to reach the area through other access roads proved unsuccessful as either the police or military blocked entry. Asked why the media was not allowed, a uniformed policeman said: "No one can go. That's all." Calls made to the Army and police spokespersons were not answered.

Meanwhile, protesters who had been at the site overnight said soldiers were breaking apart one tent after the other, around the Presidential Secretariat, where citizens, mostly youth, have held non-stop, peaceful agitations that have drawn global attention. With the military denying access to media and lawyers, those residing at the spot were the only eyewitnesses to Friday's developments, with the shaky videos taken by terrified demonstrators serving as the main record of what transpired. A few visiting media crews, staying at hotels close to the agitation site, were able to film some of the developments.

"There was no announcement warning us or asking us to vacate. Troops just broke through the row of tents closer to the Presidential Secretariat. Other tents were spared," said Mareen Nilashini, from Families of Disappeared, a movement campaigning for justice for relatives of forcibly disappeared youth. Like dozens of others, she has been staying in a tent for nearly three months at '*Gota go gama*' [Gota go village], the agitation site that sprung up amid mounting resistance to the deposed President.

Just after 6 a.m., when media was allowed closer to the spot, the residents of the tent city were in shock and disbelief. "Why would they use such aggression after we promised to leave?" a protester asked, tearing up.

Strong reactions

The military's pre-dawn assault prompted strong condemnation from Sri Lanka's political opposition and civil society, and the international community, besides setting off several pocket protests by angry citizens later on Friday.

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa called it a "cowardly assault" on peaceful protesters.

"The use of the armed forces to suppress civilian protests on the very first day in office of the new President is despicable and will have serious consequences on our country's social, economic and political stability," the Bar Association o Sri Lanka, a professional body of lawyers, said in a statement.

In a joint statement, Canada, Germany, Malawi, Montenegro, North Macedonia, the U.S. and the U.K., who make up a core group on Sri Lanka at the UN Human Rights Council, said they were "dismayed" at the Galle Face violence. "We call for full respect for human rights and the law," they said.

'Processing student visas is a priority'

Canada High Commissioner says there's backlog of visa applications due to COVID

T.K. ROHIT
CHENNAI

The Canadian government is working hard to ensure that Indian students who are set to go to the country for their education this year get their visas on time. It is also investing more money and adding resources to clear the massive backlog of visa applications at the earliest, a top Canadian government official said.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Cameron MacKay, High Commissioner for Canada in India, said: "It is the case unfortunately that we have a post-COVID pandemic backlog of visas in every category. It is a very serious backlog. The government is dedicated to getting through that backlog as quickly as possible. We are investing more money and more people to get through it. Particularly this summer, we are making every effort to ensure that every young Indian planning to study in Canada will get their student visas on time. We are doing everything we can to achieve that." Mr. MacKay said Indians are at the top of every visa category to Canada – student, temporary residence, permanent residence, tourists.

Air services deal

He said Canada was renegotiating its air services agreement with India and hoped to have more direct flights soon. Currently, there are 25 direct flights between India and Canada every week, he said.

Mr. MacKay added India and Canada had a $100 billion commercial relationship led by $70 billion in terms of Canadian portfolio investment and prominent private sector investors who were heavily invested in infrastructure, hotel chains and renewable energy in India.

Cameron MacKay • B. VELANKANNI RAJ

"Two G-20 countries [India and Canada] with the size of our economies should have a larger economic relationship. It is an underperforming relationship and we would like to change that through a trade and investment treaty."

Mr. MacKay said there were barriers to Canadian businesses doing business in India. "Those are exactly the issues we are trying to address in the agreement... negotiations on tariffs and non-tariff barriers, investment and investment protection, trade and services, etc. There are lots of opportunities to open up the economy on both sides," he said.

On the political relationship between the two countries, the diplomat said the relationship was now very strong.

He pointed out that the trade ministers of the two countries met in March this year and that they were speaking on the phone every month to push forward the trade and investment negotiations while recalling the meetings of the Foreign Ministers in Kigali and the Prime Ministers of both the countries at the G7 summit in Germany.

Republican Congressman escapes attack

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NEW YORK

United States Congressman Lee Zeldin was attacked on Thursday during a campaign speech in upstate New York, the local sheriff's office said.

The Republican member from New York's First District said his attacker tried to stab him, but he managed to fend him off.

Mr. Zeldin is running for state governor against Democratic incumbent Kathy Hochul in November's election. He was addressing a crowd in the town of Perinton at about 8:00 pm (0000 GMT) when a 43-year-old man later identified as David Jakubonis climbed the stage and attacked him, according to a statement by the office of the Monroe County sheriff. He was not injured in the attack.

Japan sounds alarm on Russian threats

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TOKYO

Japan's defence ministry said on Friday it was alarmed at fresh threats from Russia and had growing worries about Taiwan in an annual report.

The document includes a chapter on Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which it says risks sending the message "that an attempt to unilaterally change the status quo by force is acceptable".

The defence paper notes "since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Taiwan has been working on strengthening its self-defence efforts".

US Capitol riot probe slams Trump inaction

Panel calls for accountability for attack

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON

The House committee probing the assault on the U.S. Capitol laid out a searing, prime-time indictment on Thursday of Donald Trump's refusal to halt or condemn the violence and insisted he should be held accountable for a gross dereliction of presidential duty. Committee chairman Bennie Thompson said Mr. Trump "recklessly blazed a path of lawlessness and corruption" as he sought to overturn the results of the 2020 U.S. election.

He said there must be "accountability" for what he called an attack on democracy.

During a two-and-a-half-hour hearing, lawmakers presented testimony from White House aides who said that Mr. Trump watched the Capitol attack unfold on television and ignored their repeated pleas to tell his supporters to leave.

The House committee is to submit a report to Congress this fall. The committee may issue criminal referrals to the Justice Department, leaving it up to Attorney General Merrick Garland to decide whether Mr. Trump or others should be prosecuted.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
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Executive Engineer(C), Postal Civil Division, Thiruvananthapuram invites on behalf of the President of India, online percentage rate tenders for the following works.
NIT No.28/EE-TVM/22-23. Name of work : Construction of Post Office Building at Edathua, Alappuzha District. Estimated Cost: Rs. 69,23,175/-(Civil: Rs. 63,14,173/-+ Elect: Rs.6,09,002/-) Earnest Money: Rs. 1,38,464/- Period of completion: 10 months.
NIT No.29/EE-TVM/22-23. Name of work : Construction of Post Office Building at Kunnicode, Pathanamthitta Division. Estimated Cost: Rs. 63,79,487/-(Civil: Rs. 58,37,468/-+ Elect: Rs.5,42,019/-) Earnest Money: Rs. 1,27,590/- Period of completion: 8 months
Last date and time of submission of bid: 01.08.2022 upto 11.00 hrs. The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website https://dopcivil.euniwizarde.com

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&C)
IDCO, IDCO TOWERS, JANPATH, BHUBANESWAR - 751022
Tender Call Notice No. IDCO/H.O./P&C/EST/E-1801/01/2021/ 18561 dated : 21.07.2022
NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT
1. Name of the Work : Up-gradation of Industrial Estate, Kalunga, Sundargarh, Odisha under Micro & Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP) Scheme.
2. Estimated Cost : Rs.423.51 lakh (Approx.)
3. Period of Completion : 06 (Six) Calendar Months.
4. Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid ID/Tender reference No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Bhubaneswar.	Bid ID/Tender Reference No. P&C/EST/E-32/2022-23	30.07.2022 at 17.00 Hrs.	16.08.2022 up to 17.00 Hrs.

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** and Corrigendum if any will not be published in newspapers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** and **www.idco.in.**
CAD-1223 Sd/- **Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar**
OPR-14003/11/0083/2223

RajCOMP Info Services Limited (RISL)
C-Block, 1st Floor, Yojana Bhawan, Tilak Marg, C-Scheme, Jaipur.
RISL invites ebids from the eligible bidders for the following:

NIB No. / Date/ Unique bid no.	Particulars	Estimated Cost/EMD	Start of sale /Last date
2923/ 19.07.2022 (RIS2223SLOB 00037)	Request for Proposal (RFP) for selection of Agency for Design, Development and Maintenance of "Rajeevika" Application for Rajasthan Grameen Ajeevika Vikas Parishad (RGAVP), Government of Rajasthan	Rs. 3.20 Cr/ Rs. 6.40 Lacs	19.07.2022 22.08.2022

Details can be seen on the websites **http://risl.rajasthan.gov.in**, **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** and **http://doitc.rajasthan.gov.in**. Bids are to be submitted through **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**.
Raj.Samwad/C/22/5320 **Additional Director**

KOCHI METRO RAIL LIMITED
A joint venture company of Govt. of India & Govt. of Kerala
4th Floor, JLN Stadium Metro Station, Kaloor, Ernakulam-682017
Ph: 0484-2467708
TENDER
DESIGN, BUILD, SUPPLY, TESTING, COMMISSIONING AND DELIVERY OF 50 PAX PASSENGER BOATS.
TENDER ID : 2022_KMRL_492208_1
LAST DATE : 09.08.2022,17:00 HRS
Further corrigendum & information will be published only on website
For further details log on to www.kochimetro.org/tenders

Office of the Project Director (Housing)
Rajasthan Urban Drinking Water Sewerage & Infrastructure Corporation Limited
4-Sa-24, Jawahar Nagar, Jaipur-302004 (Raj.)
Tel/Fax : 0141-4805187, Email: rudwco.housing@rajasthan.gov.in
No. RUDS/CO/PD (H.)/dpr/2022-23/1415 Date:14.07.2022
Corrigendum No. 1
NIT No. 15/2022-23
The tender document for the Supply & Fixing of Furniture at JCTSL Workshop cum Busdepot, Bagrana, Jaipur vide NIT No. 15/2022-23 wefitem no. 16 is hereby added to Technical documents of the work. Following is the Extension of Last date for submission under Two Bid System for item No. 16 of NIT 15/2022-23 is as per below:-

S.no.	Particular	Earlier given detail	Now To be extended as
1	Bid Submission End Date	21.07.2022, 18:00 Hrs.	26.07.2022, 18:00 PM
2	Physically Submission of EMD, Tender fee and Bid Processing fee	Up to 22.07.2022 till 2.00PM	Up to 26.07.2022 till 2.00 PM
3	Opening of Tender Online (Technical Bid)	On 22.07.2022 at 4.00PM	On 26.07.2022 at 4.00 PM

All the terms & conditions as stipulated in NIT and added Bid documents shall be followed.
RIA/4905/dt./22/3435 **Project Director (Housing)**

ODISHA CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Govt. of Odisha Undertaking)
UNIT-VIII, BHUBANESWAR
e-Mail: theoccltd@odishaconstruction.com
GSTIN - 21AAACO2571K2ZM
"e" Procurement Notice No. 10 /OCCL/2022-23 (on-line)
Name of Work :- Construction of Under Ground Pipe Line Irrigation system (UGPL) of 1(One) No of Minor Irrigation Project i.e. Biluamara MIP in the district of Ganjam including distribution system and CAD (Package-I - 2nd phase)
Total No of Works :- 01 (One) No.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Amount put to Tender (Approx.) (Rs. in Lakhs)	Period of Completion	Availability of Tender (On-line)	Submission of Tender (On-line)	Date of Opening of Technical Bid
Managing Director, OCC Ltd., Bhubaneswar	OCC- UGPL / ANG-01/ 2022-23	1017.55 Lakhs	12 (Twelve) calendar months	26.07.2022, 03.30 P.M. to 16.08.2022, 5.30 P.M.	26.07.2022, 03.30 P.M. to 16.08.2022, 5.30 P.M.	17.08.2022, 12.30 P.M.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal: **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
CAD-1211 **Managing Director**
OPR-34126/11/8016/2223

Medical Counselling Committee (MCC)
Directorate General of Health Services
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Government of India
All the NEET SS 2021 qualified candidates are hereby informed that this year Medical Counselling Committee of DGHS conducted 2 rounds of Super Specialty (D.M/ M.Ch/ DNB SS) seats followed by a Mop-up round and a Special Mop Up Round. However, still **748 Super Speciality seats** are vacant even after completion of 4 rounds of Counselling. The details of the vacant seats are available on MCC website (**www.mcc.nic.in**).
In this regard, the competent authority in consultation with NMC has decided to conduct a **Special Mop-up Round II** for the vacant 748 Seats in an online mode so that the precious All India Quota seats do not go waste.
The salient points for Special Mop-up Round II may be noted as under:
- All candidates who have appeared for NEET SS 2021 will be considered eligible; it is to be treated as onetime measure & not as a precedent.
- Candidates who are not holding any Seat either in All India Quota or in State Quota (in-service reservation by Tamil Nadu) are eligible to participate in Special Stray Vacancy Round.
- Candidates who will be allotted seats in Special Mop-up Round II will have to report at the allotted Institute with their original documents.
- Candidates who are eligible for Super-specialty counselling can register & participate in Special mop-up round II after payment of requisite fees.
- Details regarding schedule/scheme and eligibility for Special mop-up Round II will be made available at **www.mcc.nic.in**. Kindly stay in touch with website for latest updates.

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OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER (URBAN & NRW),
PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, JAL BHAWAN,
2-CIVIL LINES JAIPUR, RAJASTHAN
BID NOTICE
On behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan, PHED invites bids online in electronic format on website **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**, from manufacturers for Procurement of ISI Marked Poly Aluminum Chloride conforming to IS 15573:2005 (Amended/revised upto date), Procurement of ISI Marked Sluice Valve conforming to IS 14846:2000 (Amended/Revised up to date, Procurement of ISI Marked MS Pipes Size 125-150mm conforming to IS:1239 (Amended/Revised up to date) & Procurement of ISI Marked A.C. Pressure pipes (size 150-600mm) as per IS 1592-2003 (amended upto date) Manufactured with Mazza Process For more details kindly visit website **www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** & **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**.
NIB Code :- PHE2223A2107
UBN :
(i) PAC :- PHE2223GLRC04274
(ii) Sluice Valves :- PHE2223GLRC04275
(iii) MS Pipes :- PHE2223GLRC04277
(iv) AC Pipes :- PHE2223GLRC04279
(Dr. ARVIND VIJAY)
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
MATERIAL MANAGEMENT CIRCLE
DIPR/C/9695 **PHED RAJASTHAN, JAIPUR**

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ROADS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (HPSRTP)
Request for Expression of Interest Proposal
Name of Project: Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project (HPSRTP)
Loan No. /Credit No. : 9066-IN
Date : July 21, 2022
The Chief Engineer-cum-Project Director, State Roads Project, HPRIDCL Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Vihar Shimla-171002, Himachal Pradesh India invites the Request for Expression of Interest Proposal from national consultants for the consultancy services as detailed in the table below:

Sr. No.	Description Services of the Consultancy	Date of availability of Detailed Request for Expression of Interest-cum-Request proposal Expression of Interest Proposal Document on HPRIDC web site	Last date/Time for submission of Proposals
1.	Consultancy Services for Development of Transport Disaster Management Policy and Plan for the State of Himachal Pradesh under World Bank Funded HPSRTP	July 23, 2022 (Request for Expression of Interest Proposal document)	August 22, 2022 at 1500 hours (IST)

Note: Any further addendum/Corrigendum to this Request for Expression of Interest-cum-Request for Proposals/Request for Expression of Interest Proposal Documents shall be available to all interesting firms on official web site of HPRIDC under http://himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/HPSRTP.html. link.
Chief Engineer-cum-Project Director,
State Roads Project, HPRIDCL,
Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-171002(H.P)
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IIP /6331/2022-2023

MARKET WATCH

	22-07-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	56,072	0.70
US Dollar	79.90	-0.06
Gold	50,341	1.02
Brent oil	104.96	0.65

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	754.25	0.00
Apollo Hosp	4125.30	-24.75
Asian Paints	3067.40	1.30
Axis Bank	730.75	15.20
Bajaj Auto	4054.50	-2.55
Bajaj Finserv	12754.25	37.80
Bajaj Finance	6258.25	-8.65
Bharti Airtel	678.85	0.50
BPCL	320.30	-2.40
Britannia Ind	3871.45	15.95
Cipla	972.10	3.60
Coal India	197.10	-1.50
Divis Lab	3796.75	2.25
Dr Reddys Lab	4173.50	2.40
Eicher Motors	3147.60	66.40
Grasim Ind	1521.35	56.75
HCL Tech	920.25	-4.20
HDFC	2295.95	53.55
HDFC Bank	1392.50	31.75
HDFC Life	535.00	5.90
Hero MotoCorp	2871.60	23.80
Hindalco	381.25	5.30
Hind Unilever	2640.60	33.15
ICICI Bank	800.05	14.05
Indusind Bank	942.45	-5.65
Infosys	1506.30	-26.60
ITC	300.55	1.00
JSW Steel	582.45	-5.10
Kotak Bank	1827.10	26.55
L&T	1767.75	2.60
M&M	1181.10	5.95
Maruti Suzuki	8830.95	33.95
Nestle India Ltd.	18988.95	149.00
NTPC	148.95	-1.90
ONGC	132.45	-0.65
PowerGrid Corp	210.00	-2.30
Reliance Ind	2503.10	16.80
SBI Life	1164.95	-3.60
State Bank	513.70	1.65
Shree Cement	20780.00	137.05
Sun Pharma	874.50	4.85
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	804.05	-14.25
Tata Motors	454.90	0.05
Tata Steel	936.05	1.75
TCS	3171.00	-6.30
Tech Mahindra	1028.70	-4.05
Titan	2325.00	36.40
UltraTech Cement	6458.70	328.00
UPL	725.00	20.00
Wipro	410.85	-3.15

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 22

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.66	79.98
Euro	80.93	81.29
British Pound	95.10	95.52
Japanese Yen (100)	57.93	58.18
Chinese Yuan	11.78	11.83
Swiss Franc	82.43	82.77
Singapore Dollar	57.29	57.53
Canadian Dollar	61.92	62.17
Malaysian Ringitt	17.88	17.97
Australian Dollar	55.15	55.41

Source: Indian Bank

'RBI will iron out volatile rupee moves'

Das says will act to ensure rupee finds its level; currency holding up 'well' relative to advanced peers

LALATENDU MISHRA
MUMBAI

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das stressed on Friday that while the central bank was committed to ensuring that the rupee found its level in line with its fundamentals and did not target any specific value, it would intervene decisively to iron out any volatile or bumpy movements in the currency's exchange rate.

"I would like to reiterate that we have no particular level of the rupee in mind, but we would like to ensure its orderly evolution and we have zero tolerance for volatile and bumpy movements," Mr. Das said at a banking conference in Mumbai, referring to the RBI's stance on the rupee's recent depreciation against the U.S. dollar.

Anchoring market: By eschewing sudden and volatile shifts, we have ensured expectations remain anchored: Das. • PTI

Asserting that the rupee was 'holding up well relative to both advanced and emerging market peers' due to India's 'underlying fundamentals being strong, resilient and intact', Mr. Das said the RBI's actions, including measures to encourage inflows, had ensured that the rupee's moves had been relatively smooth and orderly.

"By eschewing sudden and volatile shifts, we have ensured that expectations remain anchored and the forex market functions in a stable and liquid manner."

Underscoring the need to recognise that spillovers from global monetary policy tightening, the geopolitical situation, the still elevated commodity prices especially of crude oil, as well as the lingering effects of the pandemic had all combined to affect currencies worldwide, Mr. Das observed: "Even reserve currencies such as the Japanese yen, the euro, and the British pound sterling have not been spared".

"Portfolio funds are selling off assets and fleeing to safe haven. Emerging market economies are particularly affected by capital outflows, currency depreciations and reserve drawdowns, complicating macroeconomic management ," he noted.

Mr Das said the impact of these overwhelming spillovers on India had been relatively modest.

'Reserves adequate'

Emphasising that the economic recovery was gradually strengthening, he said: "current account deficit is modest; inflation is stabilising; the financial sector is well-capitalised and sound; external debt to GDP ratio is declining; foreign exchange reserves are adequate."

In recognition of the fact that there was a shortfall of supply of forex in the market relative to demand because of import and debt servicing requirements and portfolio outflows, the RBI had been supplying dollars to ensure that there was adequate forex liquidity, Mr. Das said.

Clean slate: SC asks GSTN to ensure there are no technical glitches, gives officers 90 days to pass orders. • K. PICHUMANI

SC directs fresh window for transition tax credits

Ruling to aid countless GST assessees

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Taxpayers who had missed out on getting the benefit of transitional tax credits during India's switchover to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime five years ago, will now get a fresh window to avail them, with the Supreme Court on Friday directing the country's revenue authorities to facilitate such credits.

The move is likely to benefit hundreds of GST assessees who had hitherto not been able to avail such credits, with a two-month window to claim them set to become available over September and October.

'Allow fresh filing'

The apex court has directed the government to allow fresh filing of Tran 1 and Tran 2 forms, which were brought in under the GST system initially to allow assessees to carry forward pre-GST credits to the new indirect tax regime.

"The Supreme Court has directed that the GSTN (GST Network) portal must open a common portal for all assesses to claim transitional credit for 60 days from September 1 till October 30," said Abhishek Rastogi, partner at Khaitan and Co., who represented taxpayers' challenge in the matter. "All assesses that were affected can claim benefit whether they have filed a writ petition on the issue or not," Mr. Rastogi added.

Abhishek Jain, tax partner at KPMG India, said the court's decision was significant as various tax payers had contested that these transition forms could not be filed in a timely manner on account of technical glitches, and that even otherwise their right to transition the credit could not be denied to them.

'Verify on merits'

"The GSTN has been asked to make sure there are no technical glitches during this time, and officers have been given 90 days to verify the claim of credit on merits and pass appropriate orders, and grant hearing opportunities to taxpayers," said Mr. Rastogi.

"This is a golden opportunity for the industry players irrespective of whether they were a party to the writ petition or not, and all businesses should look at any pre-GST credit that was not duly transitioned, in light of this landmark SC verdict," KPMG India's Mr. Jain said.

Rupee snaps 11-week losing streak, RBI steps in

Currency ends Friday at 79.90 a dollar

REUTERS
MUMBAI

The Indian rupee snapped a 11-week losing streak on Friday, benefiting from Reserve Bank of India intervention after it fell through the 80-per-dollar mark.

The partially convertible rupee ended at 79.90.

The RBI has zero tolerance for volatile and bumpy movements in the rupee and will continue to engage with the foreign exchange market to ensure the rupee finds its appropriate level, Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Friday. The rupee touched a low of 80.0650 on Tuesday but dollar sales by state-run banks on behalf of the RBI helped limit further losses, traders said.

Bond yields edged lower, tracking their U.S. peers, after a bigger-than-expected rate increase by the ECB brought the focus back onto a possible global recession.

DBS said in a note that despite recent signs suggesting inflation may have peaked, it was premature to go easy on inflation as a past RBI study had shown that a 5% depreciation in the rupee versus their baseline projection could push inflation higher by about 20 basis points and vice versa. The RBI's baseline rupee projection was at 76 a dollar as per an April report.

"This explains the RBI's preference to anchor the exchange rate so as not to aggravate supply-side price pressures," said DBS economist Radhika Rao.

RIL Q1 net rises 41% to ₹19,443 cr.

Revenue surges 53% to ₹2,42,982 cr. on Jio, Retail, O2C boost

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Reliance Industries Ltd.'s (RIL) first-quarter consolidated net profit jumped 40.8% from a year earlier to ₹19,443 crore on robust performance of its businesses.

Gross revenue climbed 53% to ₹2,42,982 crore. EBITDA at ₹40,179 crore grew 45.8%. Jio Platforms reported a net profit of ₹4,530 crore, up 24.1%, as EBITDA grew 28.5% to ₹11,424 crore.

ARPU (average revenue per user), a key metric for telcos, rose 26.9% year-on-year to ₹175.7 per month in the quarter, driven by residual impact of tariff hike and contribution from FTTH (Fiber to Home). Jio's total customer base grew to 419.9 million as on June 30.

Reliance Retail reported net profit more than doubled to ₹2,061 crore. Gross revenue climbed 51.9% to ₹58,554 crore. EBITDA rose by 97.7% to ₹3,837 crore.

The retail unit said it witnessed its first quarter without any disruptions since the onset of COVID-19 and footfalls surpassed pre-pandemic levels as consumers returned to stores. Reliance Retail's registered customer base grew 29% to 208 million at the end of June.

Revenue at the oil-to-chemicals (O2C) unit surged 56.7% to ₹1,61,715 crore primarily on account of the higher prices of crude oil and products.

EBITDA improved by 62.6% to ₹19,888 crore on account of a sharp rise in transportation fuel cracks and better volumes.

"Geopolitical conflict has caused significant dislocation in energy markets and disrupted traditional trade flows," Chairman Mukesh D. Ambani said in a release.

"This along with resurgent demand has resulted in tighter fuel markets and improved product margins."

Despite significant challenges posed by tight crude markets and higher energy and freight costs, RIL said the O2C business delivered its best performance ever.

IN BRIEF

Tata Motors bags DTC order for 1,500 EV buses

MUMBAI

Tata Motors said it had bagged an order for 1,500 electric buses from the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) under a larger tender by Convergence Energy Services Ltd. The company said it would supply, operate and maintain AC, low-floor, 12-metre fully built electric buses for 12 years, as per the contract.

Wendt (India) Q1 net rises 30% on sales

CHENNAI

Wendt (India) Ltd. reported a 30% growth in its standalone net profit for the first quarter ended June to ₹6.94 crore on account of higher sales to user industries. The Murugappa group firm achieved 16% growth in sales to ₹42.88 crore, of which domestic sales accounted for ₹31.84 crore, it said in a statement. The firm said that exports rose 14% on account of more shipments to U.S., Germany, Italy and Spain.

JSW Steel net profit falls 85% to ₹839 crore

NEW DELHI

JSW Steel on Friday posted an 85% decline in consolidated net profit to ₹839 crore during the June 2022 quarter, dragged by higher expenses. The company's profit stood at ₹5,900 crore during the April-June period of the preceding fiscal, JSW Steel said in a regulatory filing. However, its total income during April-June 2022 rose to ₹38,275 crore from ₹29,100 crore in the year-earlier quarter. • 11

Dr. Reddy's introduces allergy drug in U.S.

HYDERABAD

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories (DRL) on Friday announced the first-to-market unveiling of over-the-counter (OTC) Fexofenadine HCl 180 mg and Pseudoephedrine HCl 240 mg extended release tablets, USP, in the U.S. market. This is the store-brand equivalent of Allegra-D 24 HR. Allegra-D is a registered trademark of Aventisub LLC. Allegra-D 24 HR had U.S. retail sales of about $45 million as of May 2022.

June sees 8% fewer local air travellers

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Domestic airlines ferried 8.3% fewer passengers in June compared with May as the summer travel season drew to a close.

June saw 105 lakh passenger trips compared with 114 lakh in May. This also led to a drop in passenger load factor (PLF), or the average seats sold across airlines, according to DGCA data.

SpiceJet continued to enjoy the highest PLF with 84.1% of seats sold, followed by Vistara (83.8%) and Go First (78.7%).

As far as on time performance was concerned, Air Asia India saw 89.8% of its flights arriving or departing within 15 minutes of the scheduled time followed by Vistara (86.4%) and IndiGo (84.5%).

UltraTech Q1 net slips 7% on inflationary trends

'Housing, infra to drive demand'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Aditya Birla group firm UltraTech Cement Ltd. reported a decline of 6.94% in its consolidated net profit to ₹1,582.02 crore in the June quarter, impacted by inflationary trends.

The firm had posted a net profit of ₹1,700.03 crore in the year-earlier period, the company said in a filing. Revenue from operations rose 28.18% to ₹15,163.98 crore.

"After a strong end to FY22, cement demand was impacted by overall inflationary trends and lower labour availability in May 2022. However, cement demand picked up in June 2022 on pre-monsoon construction activity," said UltraTech Cement.

In Q1 FY23 UltraTech's consolidated sales volume

was 25.04 million metric tonnes, registering a 16% growth year-on-year.

"While headwinds arising out of rising cost pressure can put some pressure on the profitability of cement firms, the strong momentum in housing and given the governments thrust on infrastructure and industrial development, the cement industry is set to see an upswing in demand in FY23," it said.

'Sugar output to rise by 5 lakh tonne next season'

Area under sugarcane rose 4%: ISMA

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
COIMBATORE

Sugar production during the next season (October 2022 to September 2023) is expected to be about five lakh tonne higher than the current season, according to the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) estimates.

Area under sugarcane has increased 4% this year. This is expected to result in sugar production going up to 399.97 lakh tonne (before diversion for ethanol) next season as against 394 lakh tonne this sugar season, the Association said.

Ethanol blending

In the current season, almost 34 lakh tonne of sugar was diverted for ethanol till July 10. Ethanol blending in 2022-2023 is expected to be

12% and hence, about 545 crore litre of ethanol would be required. It is estimated that about 45 lakh tonne would be diverted for ethanol next sugar season.

With domestic consumption of sugar estimated to be approximately 275 lakh tonne, 2022-2023 sugar season would have almost 80 lakh tonne of surplus sugar which can be exported, the ISMA said.

'Wheat stocks to exceed buffer norms'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The government on Friday said wheat stocks in FCI godowns is expected to be 134 lakh tonnes at the start of next fiscal, 80% more than the buffer norm.

In a written reply to Rajya Sabha, Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal said the central pool stock of wheat as on July 1, 2022 is well above the stocking norms.

"It is expected that even after meeting out the requirement of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (up to September) and Public Distribution System, the projected wheat stock as on April 1, 2023 would be 134 lakh tonnes against the stocking norm of 74.6 lakh tonnes," the Minister said.

Government of Karnataka
Office of The Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj engineering Division, Shivamogga
No.: EE/PRE/DS/JE/Tender/2022-23/503 Date:18.07.2022

TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Tenders are invited for works **approved under Comprehensive Development Programme of schools where Jnanapit Awardees had studied as per paragraph 106 of Budget Announced for 2020-21 in Thirthahalli Taluk in the limits of Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Shivamogga.** Indent No.: RDPR/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT91124 Amount put to Tender: Rs. 82.62 lakhs. Further information regarding the said Tende can be obtained from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **20.07.2022.** Last date for submission of filled Tender has been fixed as **04.08.2022 up to 4.00 PM.** Further details can be obtained from office of the undersigned officer during working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer P.R.E. Division, Shivamogga
DIPR/smg/No.121/07/mca/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, (MPED - C),
Ground Floor, Annex-2 Building,
N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002
No:EE(MPED-C)/TEND/05/2022-23 **Date: 22.07.2022**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through **GOK e-Procurement Portal** only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, (MPED-C), invites proposals (Technical and Financial) for appointing eligible reputed Service providers for the services as given below.

Sl. No.	Name of the projects	Amount put to Tender (₹ in Lakhs)	EMD (₹ in Lakhs)
1.	Providing Security Service to Head Office Premises for Three Years.	324.41	4.90
2.	Providing Security Services to IPP Building, Town Hall and BBMP Chief Auditor Office Majestic for Three Years.	156.86	2.36
3.	Providing Housekeeping Services to IPP Building, Town Hall and BBMP Chief Auditor Office Majestic for Three Years.	184.84	2.77

Calendar of Events : (1) Availability of IFT/RFP Document in e-procurement portal from **25.07.2022** onwards. (2) Last date for receipt of queries is **27.07.2022** upto **5:30** pm through e-procurement. (3) Date of Pre bid Meeting will be held in the Office of the Chief Engineer (PC) on **28.07.2022** upto **3:00** pm. (4) Last date for submission of Proposals on **02.08.2022** upto **5:30** pm. (5) Date of Opening of Technical Proposals on **03.08.2022** after **5:30** pm. (6) Opening of Financial Proposal will be intimated to the Tenderers through mail/phone. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, (MPED-C)

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Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT
KUNDAPURA DIVISION, KUNDAPURA
No.C2.CR/09/Timber Auction/22-23 **Date: 19.07.2022**
KARNATAKA FOREST CODE, 1976
APPENDIX XVIII A (Rule 64)
Detailed Notification for e-Tender cum Auction of Timber in Vandse, Hardalli-Mandalli, Seethanadi, Hosmar depot of Kundapura Division, Kundapura

It is hereby notified for the general information of the public that, the following kinds and quantity of timber and other forest produce stocked and lotted in the **Vandse, Hardalli-Mandalli, Seethanadi, Hosmar** Government Timber Depot of **Kundapura Division** will be sold through the public e-tender cum auction method in one or more sessions on **Vandse 01.08.2022, Hardalli-Mandalli 02.08.2022 & Seethanadi 03.08.2022, Hosmar 04.08.2022 from 10.00 A.M** till the bidding for all lots is completed. The Sale Conducting Officer will be the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura Division, Kundapura.

DIPR/KDL/MCA/27022-23 Dt. 22.07.2022
***Sd/-* Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura Division, Kundapura**

Department of Women and Child Development,
Child Development Project Office, Tiptur
cdpotiptur@gmail.com Ph:08132-252991
No.cdpo/tip/ept/pra/2022-23 Date:15-07-2022

E-Tender Notification

This tender notification inviting bids from the elegible bidders/ suppliers to puchase of eggs by Child development project office, Tiptur in the financial year 2022-23. e-Tender No.DWCD/2022-23/IND1695 dated:15.07.2022 was notified in e-portal web site www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in . Last date for bidding is on 16/08/2022 , 5.00PM in e-portal. For more details please contact Child development project office, Tiptur.

Sd/-CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER, TIPTUR
DIPR/TUM/337/MCA/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, SWD-Koramangala Valley, BBMP, 9th Floor, Jayanagar Shopping Complex, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011.
No.EE/SWD/KVP/TEND/4/2022-23 **Date: 21.07.2022**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, SWD - Koramangala Valley invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered with BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD / Raiways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction work detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Construction / remodelling of primary, secondary drains, culverts / bridges & all other allied works of SWD spread out at various locations in BTM Layout Assembly Constituency in Koramangala Valley under GoK Grants of 2022-23 Package-4 (Action Plan Numbers 196, 197 and 198).	1335.00	**Rs. 13.35 Lakhs** (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-payment & remaining Rs. 12.35 Lakhs to be paid in the form of BG)

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement portal. **2)** Pre-bid meeting : **25.07.2022 at 16:00 Hrs. 3)** Last date for submission of bid documents: **30.07.2022 upto 16:00 Hrs. 4)** Opening of Technical Bid: **01.08.2022 at 16.30 Hrs.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact e-procurement helpdesk at : 080-22371090/ 22340060 / 22340948 or office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, SWD - Koramangala Valley.

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LIVE TELECAST

Badminton: Taipei Open, Sports 18 & Voot Select, 9.30 a.m.
TNPL 2022: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 7.15 p.m.
World Athletics Championship: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 5.30 a.m. (Sunday).

IN BRIEF

Ground in Leicester to be named after Gavaskar

LEICESTER

A cricket ground which belongs to Bharat Sports and Cricket Club is to be named after Sunil Gavaskar and Indian legend is set to unveil his name plaque at the ground on Saturday.

Shaheen Afridi out of second Lanka Test

GALLE

A knee injury has forced Pakistan fast bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi out of the second Test against Sri Lanka beginning here on Sunday. Afridi was injured on Tuesday, the fourth day of the first Test here. He will, however, stay with the team, the Pakistan Cricket Board said on Thursday. AP

Sainz leads Leclerc in Ferrari one-two

LE CASTELLET

Carlos Sainz led Charles Leclerc at the top of the times on Friday as Ferrari dominated second practice for the French Grand Prix ahead of world championship leader Max Verstappen of Red Bull.
The Ferrari pair swapped fastest laps in a closely-contested session in bright sunshine, Sainz making light of the prospect of a 10-place grid penalty for Sunday's race after taking new power-train components. REUTERS

Six CWG-bound cricketers await visa

NEW DELHI

Six members of the Indian women's cricket contingent are yet to get visa, less than 48 hours before their departure for the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.
Women's cricket is making its debut at the Commonwealth Games. The Indian squad is currently training in Bengaluru, and is scheduled to leave for Birmingham on Sunday.
The BCCI is in touch with the Indian Olympic Association on the issue. PTI

Dhawan, Gill come good as India piles up 308

Shreyas also helps himself to a half-century before Windies bowlers rattle the middle-order

INDIA IN WI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PORT OF SPAIN

Shubman Gill made a classy 64 in his ODI comeback while skipper Shikhar Dhawan missed out on a hundred by three runs before the West Indies restricted India to 308 for seven in the series opener here on Friday.

Gill, playing his first ODI since December 2020, played some sublime strokes in his 52-ball knock while Dhawan (97 off 99 balls) took his time before changing gears.

Shreyas Iyer, who has had his troubles of late with the short ball, was back amongst the runs with a fluent 54 off 57 balls.

The opening duo of Gill and Dhawan shared an 119-run stand off 106 balls before the former was run out in the 18th over against the run of play.

Opening salvo: Gill (64) and Dhawan (97) forged a 119-run partnership to provide a solid foundation to the Indian innings. • AP

Classy strokes

Gill, a treat to watch when in full flow, was comfortable against the fast bowlers. He hooked Alzarri Joseph for a six before delighting the crowd with a perfectly placed punch off the back foot for a boundary. He was equally attractive playing the cover drives when the ball was pitched up.

It took a brilliant direct hit from West Indies captain Nicholas Pooran to dismiss him.

Dhawan, who had a lean run in England, paced his innings well with Gill going strong at the other end. The southpaw collected 10 fours and three sixes. His go-to-shot was the slog sweep off left-arm spinner Gudakesh Motie. India was set for a 350-plus score but Dhawan's dismissal for the seventh time in the 90s led to a middle-order collapse with the visitors reduced to 252 for five from 213 for one.

Sanju Samson (12) squandered a good opportunity to make an impact while Suryakumar Yadav (13) fell to a loose shot. Deepak Hooda (27) and Axar Patel (21) took India past 300 with a 42-run stand for the sixth wicket.

Jadeja injured

Earlier, all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja was ruled out of the first two ODIs due to a knee injury. The BCCI gave the update on his fitness before the start of the first ODI here. The medical team was monitoring his progress and a decision on his participation in the third ODI would be taken accordingly said a BCCI statement.

Jason Holder, who made a return to the West Indies squad, also missed the opener after contracting COVID-19.

West Indies 137 for two

- West Indies reached 137 for two in 25 overs. Opener Kyle Mayers (75) and Brandon King (3) were at the crease. Shai Hope (7) and Shamarh Brooks (46) were the batsmen dismissed

SCOREBOARD

INDIA
Shikhar Dhawan c Brooks b Motie 97 *(99b, 10x4, 3x6)*, Shubman Gill run out 64 *(53b, 6x4, 2x6)*, Shreyas Iyer c Pooran b Motie 54 *(57b, 5x4, 2x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav b Hosein 13 *(14b, 2x4)*, Sanju Samson lbw b Shepherd 12 *(18b, 1x6)*, Deepak Hooda b Joseph 27 *(32b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Axar Patel b Joseph 21 *(21b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Shardul Thakur (not out) 7 *(5b, 1x4)*, Mohammed Siraj (not out) 1 *(2b)*; Extras (lb-5, w-6, nb-1): 12; Total (for seven wkts. in 50 overs): 308.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-119 (Gill, 17.4 overs), 2-213 (Dhawan, 33.4), 3-230 (Shreyas, 35.5), 4-247 (Suryakumar, 38.4), 5-252 (Samson, 42.2), 6-294 (Axar, 48.3), 7-299 (Hooda, 48.6).

WEST INDIES BOWLING
Joseph 10-0-61-2, Seales 9-1-54-0, Shepherd 7-0-43-1, Mayers 2-0-17-0, Motie 10-0-54-2, Hosein 10-0-51-1, Pooran 2-0-23-0.
Toss: West Indies.

Curran, Livingstone lift England

AP
MANCHESTER

England stumbled to 72 for five against South Africa, then recovered thanks to big hitting from Liam Livingstone and Sam Curran to post 201 in a rain-affected second ODI reduced to 29 overs a side on Friday.

After Jos Buttler's 19 off 27 balls, Livingstone (38, 26b, 1x4, 3x6) and Curran (35, 18b, 2x4, 3x6) upped the ante before England was dismissed with five balls left in the innings.

SCOREBOARD

England: Jason Roy c Pretorius b Nortje 14, Jonny Bairstow b Pretorius 28, Phil Salt c Miller b Pretorius 17, Joe Root c de Kock b Pretorius 1, Moeen Ali c Nortje b Maharaj 6, Jos Buttler c Pretorius b Shamsi 19, Liam Livingstone c Miller b Nortje 38, Sam Curran c Markram b Shamsi 35, David Willey c Klaasen b Pretorius 21, Adil Rashid run out 12, Reece Topley (not out) 1; Extras (lb-5, w- 4): 9; Total (in 28.1 overs): 201.
Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-52, 3-58, 4-62, 5-72, 6-101, 7-144, 8-167, 9-191.
South Africa bowling: Maharaj 6-0-29-1, Ngidi 5-0-39-0, Nortje 5.1-0-53-2, Pretorius 6-0-36-4, Shamsi 6-0-39-2.
Toss: South Africa.

South Africa 68 for seven

- South Africa was in deep trouble slumping to 68 for seven after 16 overs. Dwaine Pretorius (12) and Anrich Nortje (1) were at the crease

BCCI introduces A+ category for umpires

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

ICC Elite Panel member Nitin Menon is among 10 officials grouped in the newly introduced A+ category of BCCI umpires.

The others in the A+ category include four international umpires – Anil Chaudhary, J. Madanagopal, Virender Kumar Sharma and K.N. Ananthapadmanabhan.

Rohan Pandit, Nikhil Patwardhan, Sadashiv Iyer, Ulhas Gandhe and Navdeep Singh Sidhu are also part of the A+ category.

Twenty umpires including C. Shamshuddin form the A group, 60 are in Group-B, 46 in Group-C and 11 in Group-D which falls in the 60-65 age bracket.

The complete list was tabled at the Apex Council meeting on Thursday following the work done by former international umpires K. Hariharan, Sudhir Asnani and Amiesh Saheba, and members of BCCI umpires' sub-committee.

Umpires in A+ and A category are paid ₹40,000 a day for a First Class game, while ₹30,000 a day is paid to those in the B and C category.

Laporte thrills the locals

TOUR DE FRANCE

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
CAHORS

Christophe Laporte became the first Frenchman to win on this year's Tour de France, taking stage 19 at Cahors on Friday, as Jonas Vingegaard maintained his race lead over defending champion Tadej Pogacar with just two days left.

Laporte, of Jumbo Visma, managed to close a gap from the main peloton to a stubborn escape group around 1km from the line before edging ahead to easily win this largely flat stage. This was a fifth stage win for Jumbo on the 2022 Tour with Vingegaard and Wout van Aert winning two apiece.

Laporte. • AFP

Vingegaard has a 3min, 21sec advantage over Pogacar, who clawed back five seconds on Friday, ahead of Saturday's key 41km individual time-trial which will finally settle what has been an edge-of-the-seat struggle for the 2022 title.

Tejaswin cleared to compete

CWG

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Indian high jumper Tejaswin Shankar was on Friday cleared to compete at the upcoming Commonwealth Games after the organisers accepted his entry on the request of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), ending a month-long saga surrounding his participation.

The organisers had initially rejected Shankar's late entry, but the IOA has now got confirmation from the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) and Birmingham CWG organisers about acceptance of his entry after a Delegate Registration Meeting (DRM).

Tejaswin Shankar. • FILE PHOTO

"Mr. Tejaswin Shankar's entry has been approved by the CGF and accordingly accepted by the Sports Entry Department of Commonwealth Games Birmingham 2022 during the DRM," a communication from the IOA to AFI, said.

Sprinter M.V. Jilna, who was named in the initial 37-member Indian athletics team as 4x100m relay runner by the AFI but later withdrawn to stick to 36 athletes as allotted by the IOA, was also re-included in the squad.

The AFI officials had earlier told *PTI* that Jilna would be brought back in place of Sekar Dhanalakshmi, who was caught for doping a few days back. Dhanalakshmi was earlier named to compete in 100m and 4x100m relay.

Jackson thwarts Fraser-Pryce's sprint double bid

Lyles defends men's 200m crown in another US clean sweep

WORLD C'SHIPS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
EUGENE

Noah Lyles defended his World 200m title in electric fashion in a second US sprint clean sweep on Thursday, while Shericka Jackson thwarted Jamaican teammate Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce's bid for a sprint double in the women's race.

Fourth and second best

Close on the heels of Fred Kerley leading a 1-2-3 for USA in the men's 100m, Lyles made no mistake over the longer sprint, racing home in 19.31s. It was the fourth fastest 200m ever run: only Jamaicans Usain Bolt and Yohan Blake have run faster.

Lyles' teammates Kenny Bednarek and teenager Erriyon Knighton took silver and bronze in 19.77s and 19.80s.

In the women's 200m, Jackson set a championship record of 21.45s, the second fastest time ever run over the distance, for the first individual World title of her career.

Only the late Florence Griffith-Joyner, whose 1988 World record of 21.34s still stands, has run faster.

Newly-crowned 100m gold medallist Fraser-Pryce took silver in 21.81s. But there was no Jamaican clean sweep, as there had been in the blue riband event, as defending champion Dina Asher-Smith of Britain claimed bronze in 22.02s.

Olympic champion Elaine Thompson-Herah, the third part of Jamaica's 100m sweep, eventually came in seventh in 22.39s.

The results:

Men: 200m: 1. Noah Lyles (USA) 19.31s; 2. Kenny Bednarek (USA) 19.77s; 3. Erriyon Knighton (USA) 19.80s.

Women: 200m: 1. Shericka Jackson (Jam) 21.45s; 2. Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce (Jam) 21.81s; 3. Dina Asher-Smith (GBR) 22.02s.

Defining moment: Jackson pips Fraser-Pryce to the women's 200m gold. • AFP

Neeraj flies to the final with his opening throw

Fellow javelin thrower Rohit and triple jumper Paul also make the cut

Contrasting routes: While Neeraj produced a massive 88.39m to seal his spot, Rohit just about managed to qualify for the main round. • AP & AFP

SPORTS BUREAU

Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra needed just one throw to qualify for the javelin throw final at the World Athletics Championships in Eugene, Oregon, on Thursday, a day when three Indians made it to the main round.

Just like the Tokyo Olympics where he flew to the final with his first throw, Neeraj produced a massive 88.39m opening effort in the qualification round to top Group 'A'.

There was double joy for India with Rohit Yadav pulling off a big surprise to finish sixth (11th overall) in Group 'B' with 80.42m and progress to Saturday's (Sunday morning in India) 12-man final.

This is the first time India will have two javelin throwers in the final at the Worlds. Neeraj finished second overall in the qualification round with Grenada's defending World champion Anderson Peters' 89.91m (Group B) taking him to the top of the pack.

'Shook a bit'

"It was a good start. I'll give my 100% in the final. We'll see. Every day is different," said Neeraj after the qualifiers.

"We don't know who can throw far on any given day. There are so many throwers in good shape now. Five-six throwers have thrown PBs (personal bests) this year. They are all in excellent shape. There is a little bit of zigzag in my run-up. I shook a little bit, but it was a good throw."

Incidentally four Asians qualified for the final, the others being Japan's Roderick Genki Dean and Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem with both producing their season bests.

But some big names, including 2016 Rio Olympics silver medallist Julius Yego, former Olympic champion Keshorn Walcott and Andreas Hofmann (no mark), who had many 90m-plus throws in 2018, crashed out.

Surprise pacakage

A little later, Eldhose Paul made it a wonderful day for the country by entering the men's triple jump final, grabbing the 12th and last spot (sixth in Group 'A') from the qualification round with his 16.68m.

That makes Paul, who is yet to cross 17m, the first Indian to enter the triple jump final at the Worlds.

However Abdulla Aboobacker (personal best 17.19m) and Praveen Chithravel (PB 17.18), the two men who had produced the second and third biggest jumps in India's all-time list this year, could not come anywhere close to that today and failed to qualify.

Chithravel finished 17th with 16.49 while Aboobacker was 19th with 16.45.

Defending World champion American Christian Taylor, the 2016 and 2012 Olympic gold medallist, was the biggest name to miss the final after finishing behind Chithravel in the 18th spot with 16.48.

Kashyap and Tanisha exit

TAIPEI OPEN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
TAIPEI

The Indian campaign ended at the Taipei Open badminton tournament after P. Kashyap and Tanisha Crasto suffered narrow defeats in the quarterfinals of the singles and doubles competitions respectively, here on Friday.

The results (quarterfinals):
Men: Soong Joo Ven (Mas) bt P. Kashyap 21-12, 12-21, 21-17.
Women: Doubles: Ng Tsz Yau & Tsang Hiu Yan (HK) bt Tanisha Crasto & Shruti Mishra 21-16, 20-22, 21-18.
Mixed doubles: Hoo Pang Ron & Toh Ee Wei (Mas) bt Tanisha & Ishaan Bhatnagar 21-19, 21-12.

Bad day for Indians at Medellin

SPORTS BUREAU

Indian archers crashed out of the recurve team and compound individual competitions at the Archery World Cup Stage-4 in Medellin, Colombia, on Thursday.

The 10th-ranked Indian recurve men's side – comprising Jayanta Talukdar, Aditya Choudhary and Kapil – got a first round bye but lost to seventh-placed Spain 5-1 in the second round.

Eighth-placed Indian women's team of Dipti Kumari, Komalika Bari and Aditi Jaiswal, beat Italy 5-4 (26-25) before losing to top-ranked Korea 6-0 in the quarterfinals.

In the compound section, Bhagwan Das and Priyansh were beaten in the second round while Rajat Chauhan and C.R. Srither were eliminated in the first round of the men's event.

Srishti Singh, slotted 20th, reached the third round of women's competition before going down to fourth-ranked Tanja Gellenthien of Denmark 147-144.

IN BRIEF

Mane chosen African Player-of-the-Year again

RABAT

Sadio Mane was crowned African Player-of-the-Year here on Thursday for the second time. The Senegal forward first won the honour in 2019. He won ahead of former Mohamed Salah of Egypt and fellow Senegalese Edouard Mendy. AFP

Sathiyan targets podium finish in singles

Paddler admits competition in Birmingham would be stronger than it was in 2018

C'WEALTH GAMES

K. KEERTHIVASAN
CHENNAI

India's top paddler G. Sathiyan made his debut in the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Australia, when India ended up with eight medals, its biggest haul.

Now with the experience of playing at the Asian Games and Tokyo Olympics behind him, the 29-year-old is raring to go to compete in his second CWG in Birmingham.

Sathiyan admitted that the competition in Birmingham would be stronger than the 2018 CWG, but India can expect a host of medals.

"[We won] eight medals last time. It's not going to be easy to repeat it. The Indian team is really strong in men's and women's.

"If we could win at least 5-6 medals, it would be fantastic and a very good CWG," Sathiyan said at a virtual select media conference.

Focused: Sathiyan is hopeful of a good show at the Commonwealth Games. •FILE PHOTO: RITU RAJ KONWAR

Explaining the competition in Birmingham, Sathiyan said England at home, and Nigeria will be tough competitors in the men's team events.

"Singapore and Canada as well have some good players. We definitely have a great chance to win a medal in every event.

"But the competition will certainly be immense," he added.

Primary goal

Sathiyan said one of his primary goals this time would be to win a medal in singles.

"Competition is hard. We have England's (Liam) Pitchford, Nigeria's Quadri Aruna who are very good players.

"It would be fantastic if I could bring home a medal in singles this time," he said, while expressing satisfaction with the training camp and preparations of the team.

According to Sathiyan, his combination – the men's doubles with Sharath Kamal and mixed doubles with Manika Batra – events are those India certainly has a good chance to win medals.

Tricky draw

The paddler said the draw of the men's team is tricky. "This time we might be seeded three, a little challenging where we might have to meet England in the semis. In singles, too, I and Sharath are seeded three and four. The draw can be a little tricky, but it's not a major issue," said Sathiyan, ranked World No. 35

(Watch the live coverage of Birmingham 2022 CWG on Sony Six, Sony Ten1, 2 & 4).

Promise Kept for feature

BENGALURU: Promise Kept, who is in fine nick, may score an encore in the Karnataka Police Trophy (1,400m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Saturday (July 23). False rails (width about 5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 SHA TIN PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 2-00 p.m.: 1. Port Of Beauty (6) L.A. Rozario 62, 2. Baroness (11) Angad 61, 3. Red Lucifer (5) Salman K 60, 4. Spirit Dancer (9) Md. Aliyar 59.5, 5. Osibisa (8) Siddaraju 58.5, 6. Golden Time (7) G. Vivek 58, 7. Immortal Guest (3) Ikram A 58, 8. Comeonson (10) S. Saqlain 57.5, 9. Top News (–) (–) 57.5, 10. Chain Of Thoughts (4) Shreyas S 57, 11. Perfect Halo (1) Likith 57 and 12. Regal Force (2) Tousif 53.5.
1. PORT OF BEAUTY, 2. OSIBISA, 3. GOLDEN TIME

2 ABOLINE PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 2-30: 1. The Strength (1) Vaibhav 61.5, 2. Armory (6) Rajesh K 57, 3. Singhsaab (4) Ajinkya 55, 4. Aguila (8) Trevor 53.5, 5. Peridot (2) Akshay K 53.5, 6. Art Power (3) Vinod Shinde 52.5, 7. The Beginning (7) Arshad 52.5 and 8. Chiraag (5) Nazerul 50.5.
1. AGUILA, 2. CHIRAAG, 3. PERIDOT

3 S.G. MADHUKAR MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3-00: 1. English Bay (8) Mark 56, 2. Royal Grant (2) Rajesh K 56, 3. Step To Destiny (4) Chethan K 56, 4. Urban Borbon (6) Nazerul 56, 5. Andorra (3) Hindu S 54.5, 6. Gold Multiplier (10) Ajinkya 54.5, 7. Klimt (9) Vinod Shinde 54.5, 8. Mars (7) P.P. Dhebe 54.5, 9. Queenstown (1) Akshay K 54.5 and 10. Stars Above (5) J.H. Arul 54.5.
1. QUEENSTOWN, 2. ANDORRA, 3. KLIMT

4 ABODE OF CLOUDS TROPHY (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3-30: 1. Forty Niner (1) Akshay K 56, 2. Quick Witted (9) G. Vivek 56, 3. Randolph (3) Hindu S 56, 4. Sagacious (7) Vishal B 56, 5. The Pirate (5) R. Pradeep 56, 6. Golden Starlet (2) Rajesh K 54.5, 7. Sheer Bliss (6) R. Manjunath 54.5, 8. Slainte (10) Vinod Shinde 54.5, 9. Solid Power (8) Darshan 54.5 and 10. Tripitaka (4) P.S. Chouhan 54.5.
1. TRIPITAKA, 2. FORTY NINER, 3. SOLID POWER

5 KARNATAKA POLICE TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 4-00: 1. Colonel Harry (3) Angad 62.5, 2. Mountain Lion (1) G. Vivek 62.5, 3. Promise Kept (4) Trevor 59, 4. Capable (7) Siddaraju 58.5, 5. Peyo (5) Vinod Shinde 55.5, 6. In A Breeze (8) Likith 55, 7. Four Wheel Drive (6) Akshay K 54.5 and 8. Almanach (2) P. Surya 50.5.
1. PROMISE KEPT, 2. FOUR WHEEL DRIVE, 2. MOUNTAIN LION

6 MARILINGAIAH MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4-30: 1. Aztec Queen (5) Akshay K 60.5, 2. Michigan Melody (11) Srinath 60, 3. General Patton (8) S. John 59, 4. Kvasir (12) Salman K 56.5, 5. Powerful Lady (2) J.H. Arul 55.5, 6. Super Gladiator (1) Chethan K 55, 7. Imperial Power (9) Suraj 53.5, 8. Devils Magic (4) Jagadeesh 53, 9. Kay Star (6) Trevor 52.5, 10. Sonata (7) Hindu S 51, 11. Chul Bul Rani (10) P. Surya 50.5 and 12. Caesars Palace (3) Nazerul 50.
1. IMPERIAL POWER, 2. KAY STAR, 3. MICHIGAN MELODY

7 TUDOR JET PLATE (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Southern Power (1) Akshay K 62.5, 2. Spectacular (8) Salman K 59, 3. Star Domination (6) M. Naveen 58.5, 4. Embosom (4) P.S. Chouhan 55.5, 5. Noble Ruler (10) Vishal B 55, 6. Shan E Azeem (5) G. Vivek 53, 7. Tyto Alba (2) Rajesh K 52, 8. Sunshine Prince (9) Hindu S 51.5, 9. Princess Aura (7) Nazerul 51 and 10. War Trail (3) Arshad 50.
1. EMBOSOM, 2. SPECTACULAR, 3. SOUTHERN POWER

8 SHA TIN PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 5-30: 1. First Royalist (2) Md. Aliyar 62.5, 2. Triple Alliance (10) Shreyas S 62.5, 3. Speed Seven (9) Likith 62, 4. Frederico (11) Hasib A 61.5, 5. Handsome Rocky (1) Angad 61.5, 6. Luminary Star (8) G. Vivek 61.5, 7. Mega Success (3) L.A. Rozario 60, 8. Sea Blush (5) Ikram A 60, 9. Super Kind (12) Salman K 60, 10. The Omega Man (6) Siddaraju 59.5, 11. Knotty Princess (7) J.H. Arul 59 and 12. Jersey Legend (4) S. Saqlain 58.5.
1. SUPER KIND, 2. SPEED SEVEN, 3. THE OMEGA MAN
Day's best: **QUEENSTOWN**
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Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; Tr (i): 3, 4 and 5; (ii): 6, 7 and 8.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Seher triumphs

Seher Atwal kept her nerves in control for a winning birdie on the 18th hole to claim her first title of the season in the 10th leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour 2022, at Prestige Golfshire here on Friday. Nayanika Sanga and Neha Tripathi finished tied-second, one shot behind the champion.
The scores (top five): 212: Seher Atwal (70, 70, 72); **213:** Nayanika Sanga (72, 71, 70), Neha Tripathi (70, 71, 72); **214:** Sneha Singh (71, 71, 72); **215:** Pranavi Urs (76, 69, 70).

AITA Super Series tennis from July 25

The Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association will host back-to-back AITA Super Series events from on Monday. The Karnataka AITA Super Series under-16 tournament begins with the qualifiers on Saturday and Sunday, while Transform Tennis will host the AITA Super Series under-14 tournament at KSLTA from Aug 1.

The Super Series is AITA's second level of the 'Series' events planned on its calendar after the National Series.

The opening event has received over 70 entries for the draw of 48 for the boys (qualifying), while 42 entries have been received for 24 spots for the girls qualifying rounds.

Eight qualifiers from the boys and girls categories respectively will make it to the main draw of 32 players.

Abhinav hits unbeaten 209

Abhinav Manohar (209 n.o., 174b, 20x4, 11x6) starred for Bangalore United CC (1) against Rajajinagar Cricketers in the KSCA

Seher Atwal •

Group I, Division I league here. Rohan Nayakar's 196 helped Mount Joy gain the first-innings lead against Swastic Union (1).
The scores: Rajajinagar Cricketers 197 in 67.3 overs (Melu Kranthi 63, V. Koushik 26, Amey Shanbhag 29, Aditya Goyal 3/52, Pranav Bhatia 3/13) drew with Bangalore United (1) 368/5 in 71 overs (Tushar Singh 117, Abhinav Manohar 209 n.o., V. Koushik 3/47).

Swastic Union (1) 244 in 76.3 overs (E.J. Jasper 76, Shishir Bhavane 103, Sharan Gouda 4/40, A.M. Kiran 3/1) drew with Mount Joy 324/5 in 59.1 overs (Rohan Nayakar 196, Pareexith Okkunda 34, B.R. Sharath 61, Paras Gurbax 3/94).

Cambridge 258 in 65.1 overs (Vinay Sagar 85, Gowtham Sagar 85 n.o., D. Avinash 3/46, Shreesha Achar 4/45) drew with Social Cricketers 242 in 78.4 overs (Sudhanwa Kulkarni 68, Farhan Magi 37, D. Avinash 37, Ritesh Bhatkal 57, Muthanna Chandrashekhar 4/44).

Friends Union (1) 369 in 65.4 overs (B.U. Shivakumar 43, Prajwal Pavan 73, Lochan Gowda 62, G.S. Chiranjeevi 34, Mithun Bhat 58, Mohammed Sadiq 6/100) and 50/1 in 5 overs (B.U. Shivakumar 25 n.o.) drew with Modern 209 in 65.1 overs (Jeswanth Acharya 59, Rishi Bhansali 44, Rahul Vernekar 35, Utham Aiyappa 4/42, Stalin Hoover 3/41).

Swastic Union (1) 244 in 76.3 overs (E.J. Jasper 76, Shishir Bhavane 103, Sharan Gouda 4/40, A.M. Kiran 3/1) drew with Mount Joy 324/5 in 59.1 overs (Rohan Nayakar 196, Pareexith Okkunda 34, B.R. Sharath 61, Paras Gurbax 3/94).

Chintamani SA 202 in 68.1 overs (Swapnil Shivaj i99, Abheet Kuthpady 42, Kushaal Wadhwani 5/59, S. Punith 4/25) and 51 for no loss in 9 overs (Swapnil Yelave 28 n.o.) drew with Sir Syed Cricketers 295/7 decl. in 58.2 overs (Rohan Patil 34, Luvnith Sisodia 123, M.S. Bhandage 91).

Vultures 346 in 87.5 overs (J. Suchith 34, Pavan Deshpande 119, Kruthik Krishna 95) drew with Swastic Union (2) 480/9 decl. in 82.5 overs (M.D. Taha 81, Naga Bharath 39, Vishal Onat 167, Aman Khan 102 n.o., Abhishek Ahlawat 5/105).

Kushal scalps seven

Kushal Pramesh (7/72) helped The Bangalore Cricketers grab the first-innings lead against Bangalore Sports Club in the KSCA Group I, Division II league here. Kushal also picked up two wickets in the second essay.
The scores: The Bangalore Cricketers 337/8 decl. in 84 overs (R. Akshay 83, Shivratana 128, D. Bharath 30, K.B. Shreyas 27 n.o., K.V. Chethan 3/86) drew with Bangalore SC 173 in 50.5 overs (Santosh Krishna 63, Anupam 28, Angadraj Sangam 41, Kushal Pramesh 7/72) and 29/3.

Jawans 269 in 79.3 overs (S.H. Swaroop 129, U. Karan 52, Manvanth Kumar 32, Smayan Srivastav 4/55, Hardik Raj 3/67) drew with Coles 303/7 in 54 overs (Bharath Kumar 114, Dheeraj Mohan 82, K. Arun 64, S. Ankith 3/61).

Herons 418/9 in 90 overs (Pratik 31, S.P. Arjun 150, Mohammed Waseef 38, Sai Susheel 110 n.o., Aditya Mani 40) drew with Jawahar (2) 195/2 in 51 overs (K. Rakshith 37, Faizan Khan 115, Nikhil Vedanth 37 n.o.).

Jawahar (1) 300 in 89.4 overs (S.U. Karthik 50, Amod Kaluve 27, V. Prithvi 38, Sufiyan Sharief 34, Vinayak Holla 79 n.o., Pranav Aswath 4/82, Aman Mallya 6/127) drew with Wilson Garden 94 in 36 overs (K.M. Pravesh 4/23, Aadithya Nair 3/29).

Bangalore Occasionals 226 in 65.3 overs (Rithin Christy 49, Niranjan 47, Hemanth Shinde 25, Uttam Gowda 34, Santosh Kumar 5/49, Abhinoam G Jacob 5/59) drew with Jupiter CA 79/3 in 28.5 overs (Mithesh Madhan 33).

Friends Union (2) 70/2 in 19 overs (Rohan Yareshmi 37 n.o.) drew Vijaya CC (Match stopped due to rain).

BFC signs Jovanovic

Bengaluru FC (BFC) signed Australian center-back Aleksandar Jovanovic on a one-year deal ahead of the 2022-23 season.

The 32-year-old, who has represented clubs across six different countries, becomes BFC's seventh signing under Simon Grayson, and fulfils the AFC criteria as the club's Asian foreigner in the squad.

Born in Sydney, Jovanovic started his youth career with APIA Leichhardt, and went on to sign his first professional contract with the Parramatta Eagles in 2006.

Djokovic for Laver Cup

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Novak Djokovic has confirmed he will join Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer and Andy Murray in a dream Team Europe line-up at the Laver Cup in September.

"It's the only competition where you can play in a team environment with guys that you're normally competing against and to be joining Rafa, Roger and Andy – three of my biggest all-time rivals – it's going to be a truly unique moment in the history of our sport," said Djokovic

The four have dominated men's tennis for nearly two decades, capturing 66 of the past 76 Grand Slams and winning every Wimbledon title since 2003.

Sakariya, Mukesh for T20 Max

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Chetan Sakariya and Mukesh Choudhary will ply their trade in the inaugural T20 Max series starting here next month, as part of an exchange programme between MRF Pace Foundation and Cricket Australia. Sakariya has played for Delhi Capitals and Rajasthan Royals in the Indian Premier League. Mukesh has represented Chennai Super Kings and Sunrisers Hyderabad.

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Purav-Divij duo enters semifinals

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Purav Raja and Divij Sharan beat second seeds Ramkumar Ramanathan and John-Patrick Smith 6-4, 6-4 in the doubles quarterfinals of the $53,120 Challenger tennis tournament in Indianapolis, USA.

In the $15,000 ITF men's event in Malaysia, Vishnu Vardhan lost 3-6, 7-6(5), 6-4 to Son Ji Hoon of Korea in the quarterfinals.

Other results: €45,730 Challenger, Pozoblanco, Spain: Quarterfinals: Piotr Matuszewski (Pol) & Arjun Kadhe bt Jack Vance & Jamie Vance (USA) 7-5, 6-2.

€45,730 Challenger, Tampere, Finland: Quarterfinals: Alexander Erler & Lucas Miedler (Aut) bt Anirudh Chandrasekar & Vijay Sundar Prashanth 6-3, 7-5.

$60,000 ITF women, Evansville, USA: First round: Anna Rogers & Christina Rosca (USA) bt Maria Kononova & Sharmada Balu 6-4, 1-6, [12-10].

$25,000 ITF women, Figueira Da Foz, Portugal: Quarterfinals: Pei-Chi Lee & Fang-Hsien Wu (Tpe) bt Ines Murta (Por) & Vasanti Shinde 3-0 (retired).

$15,000 ITF, Monastir, Tunisia: Women: Quarterfinals: Vaidehi Chaudhari bt Wei Sijia (Chn) 6-7(6), 6-1, 6-3; Zeynep Sonme (Tur) bt Jennifer Luikham 6-2, 6-2. **Doubles (quarterfinals):** Samira De Stefano & Gaia Parravicini (Ita) bt Diana Maria Mihail (Rou) & Vaidehi Chaudhari 6-1, 7-5; Back Dayeon & Jeong BoYoung (Kor) bt Bhuvana Kalva & Jennifer 6-1, 7-6(3).

Men: Quarterfinals: Cyril Vandermeersch (Fra) bt Niki Poonacha 6-1, 6-4. **Doubles (quarterfinals):** Rithvik Choudary Bollipalli & Niki Poonacha bt Omar Brigida & Gabriele Maria Noce (Ita) 6-2, 6-3.

$15,000 ITF men, Seremban, Malaysia: Quarterfinals: Son Ji Hoon (Kor) bt Vishnu Vardhan 3-6, 7-6(5), 6-4.

$15,000 ITF men, Colombo, Sri Lanka: Quarterfinals: Quentin Folliot (Fra) bt Rishi Reddy 6-4, 6-3; Digvijay Pratap Singh bt Karan Singh 6-2, 5-7, 6-2; Manish Sureshkumar bt Nitin Kumar Sinha 6-3, 6-2; Eric Vanshelboim (Ukr) bt Fardeen Quamar 6-3, 3-0 (retired).

Doubles (semifinals): Parikshit Somani & Manish Sureshkumar bt Adil Kalyanpur & Digvijay Pratap Singh 7-6 (10), 6-4; S.D. Prajwal Dev & Rishi Reddy bt Jagmeet Singh & Karan Singh 7-5, 7-5.

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